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### Heritage Hall Chief Goes Directly To Jail



Friday the 13th is not a luck day for Mr. Richard Circosta, Administrator of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Richard is going to jail to help raise money for the Heart Association in conjunction with the Rock and Roll Jamboree run by the Activity Department. The employees of Heritage Hall have paid to have him arrested by Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski on the following charges: refusing to let his hair grow longer in the winter, taking a day off in the middle of the week without consent of the employees, refusing to put in a swimming pool for employees lunch breaks, refusing to build a hot house for Activity Department members, to raise orchids, not acknowledging staffs requests for a three day week with all weekends off, and various other charges. Photo by Jack Devine.

### School Board Approves More Cuts In Current Budget

By Joanne Brown

The School Committee cut approximately \$67,000 more from their current fiscal budget last Tuesday evening in a continued attempt to meet an excise tax shortfall due to passage of Proposition 2½. The latest cuts bring the school department's total to \$234,000 of the \$290,000 in cutbacks requested of them as their share of the decrease in funds.

These additional monies applied towards the excise tax shortfall include \$30,650 appropriated from the defunct Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative; \$8,000 from the existing textbook account; \$4,000 from funds unexpended for library books; \$20,000 from supplies, materials, and other accounts; and \$4,400 expected to be saved by not supplying transportation for spring sports teams.

Business Manager James Coon explained that the recommendation to eliminate funding of transportation to away sporting events was made in an attempt to cutback in an area where "a big chunk of the athletic budget" is founded.

"About 20-25% of the overall athletic budget goes for transportation, and if we can cutback in this area, then we can use that money saved to keep other areas of sports intact," Coon stated. He added that the town was adequately covered by insurance to cover third-party transport and that he hopes parents or booster clubs will step in to provide the transportation, even though he had no concrete plan at present to submit.

"We've been dealing with the hockey team on this basis for some time now," Coon pointed out, "and it's worked very well. Even though there may be some problems we'll have to deal with, if this method works this spring then we'll have that experience to use in dealing with next year's budget."

Though there was some discussion as to whether or not the proposal should be aired at a public hearing prior to a vote, the board eventually approved the action 4-2. Venetta Snyder and Jessie Fuller held out in favor of obtaining public input first, and Rosemary Sandlin was absent.

#### Approval Granted Areas Of '82 Budget

In tentatively approving a library services account for fiscal '81-'82 for \$95,042, the board acknowledged a decrease in funds to purchase books. Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, standing in for vacationing Supt. Louis Hebert, indicated that a grant for \$12,000 effective July 1st will be used to supplement the cut in book allowance. No staff changes are recommended at this time.

A utilities budget for \$25,500, which covers telephone expenditures, was approved. Several board members, as well as town councilors on the council sub-committee for the school budget, expressed complaints on poor service from the Town Hall switchboard and requested that Coon seek ways for improvement.

Coon presented an insurance account calling for \$50,000 as the school department's share of a joint proposal with the town. The amount was tentatively approved. Also granted tentative approval was an \$18,400 request for maintenance of equipment.

Discussion as to funding \$6,000 for transportation for handicapped children to the summer day camp run by the Parks and Recreation Department was tabled until the entire Special Education budget is reviewed.

### Christine and Jack



Christine Mahoney, 1981 Heart Fund Princess, poses with Advertiser/News photographer Jack Devine at Saturday's Heart Fund Ball at Chez Joseph. Jack, of course, insisted on front page coverage. Photo by Cathy Devine.

### Substitute Teachers Form Association

On January 27, 1981, the officers of the newly-formed Agawam Substitute Teachers Association (ASTA) and their attorney went before the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission.

They appeared in support of their petition to be found duly-elected representatives of all the substitute teachers in the Agawam Public School System for the purpose of negotiating wage and hour and other terms and conditions of employment.

ASTA, an unincorporated association, is the first unaffiliated group to petition the state Labor Relations Commission for recognition for substitute teachers. Its members contend that they have a sufficient unity of interest and relationship of employment with the School Committee to exist as a separate bargaining unit.

Because their request is unique, the hearing was continued so as to give other interested parties the opportunity to appear. The Agawam School Committee was represented at the hearing by its attorney, John Teahan. It is expected that at future hearings members of the School Committee or representatives of the town will appear as witnesses in opposition to the petitioners.

In a closely related case pending before the Labor Relations Commission, the Boston Teachers Association has petitioned the commission to direct an election to determine whether it may become the bargaining agent for the Boston substitute teachers. ASTA members are awaiting the decision in the BTA case with great interest, since a favorable decision will presage a speedy decision on ASTA's petition.

**Our Readers Talk Back On Route 57 Chairman Change. See Letters Box, Page 13.**

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## School Board Sets Site For Graduation

By Joanne Brown

As part of their regular meeting agenda last Tuesday, the School Committee voted once again to hold the Agawam High School graduation this June at the Eastern States Coliseum. Three alternative sites had been investigated, but all were defeated after lengthy discussion.

Problems with seating, parking, line-up of graduates among others were cited as the reasons for not opting in favor of Springfield's Symphony Hall or Civic Center. Possible inclement weather eliminated approval of the athletic field site.

Board members directed administrators to seek ways to prevent the "carnival atmosphere" that has arisen during more recent graduation ceremonies from recurring this year. One proposal calls for careful collection of tickets from each person entering the Coliseum and diligent monitoring of the entrance doors.

Final action of the evening defeated the hiring of an individual to assume the post of chairperson of the Early Childhood program. Board members objected to the posting of this position on a department chairman level with the additional \$500 differential that accompanies that level.

Board members will reconsider the question at their February 24th meeting.



**Samantha**

READS YOUR STARS

**If you were born this week:** You have an emotional nature. Your feelings run deep and are easily aroused. You are quite loyal and will really put yourself out to help those you care for. You may have artistic talents. You are intuitive and very sensitive to the vibrations around you.

## Moreno Set To Launch Big Mayor Petition Drive

Former councilor and longtime mayoral proponent Valentine R. Moreno today announced that he along with several other residents will immediately launch a petition drive to put the mayor/council charter back on the ballot.

Moreno, a political activist for many years, criticized the present council/manager charter, saying that the government has created severe problems in town government that are continuing to mount each day.

"We have waited this long to give the so-called professionals the opportunity to prove themselves and it has yet to happen," Moreno stated.

Moreno was a staunch advocate of the mayoral charter which was defeated in the regular municipal elections in 1979. According to Moreno, residents of the community "have had time to realize that giving the manager charter was a mistake and the only recourse is to support a strong mayor."

He said, "Agawam has suffered severely from professional management. The only semblance of reasonable and peaceful government we have had was the period of time when Ed Caba (town clerk) was the acting manager."

Moreno, chairman of the Citizens of Good Government Committee, which is now relatively inactive,

said residents will soon band together to force a referendum question for this November's municipal election.

"I don't think there is any question that we will get enough signatures to force a referendum. But this time I know the majority of the voters will support a mayor. We need strong leadership in this decade and not the type of leadership we are now receiving."

In the 1979 municipal election, voters were faced with three charter choices. The first was to continue with the present 15 member council and a manager, the second, a 9 member council elected at-large with a manager and the third, a 9 member at-large council with a strong mayor.

According to Moreno, several councilors currently support the mayor form of government and as the town elections draw closer, the mayor vs. manager question will again permeate the local political scene.

"I think people are generally moving toward the mayor with each day of troubles with the current form of government. Once we get the petition drive underway more and more voters hopefully will come to support our cause," he added.

**ARIES (3-21/4-19):** You're apt to have second thoughts about your involvement in a certain group or club activity. Re-examine carefully, Aries, and don't make rash judgments. Full moon may bring a knock on your door and days close with meetings.

**GEMINI (5-21/6-20):** News arrives this week, Gem. Since it could involve a change in plans, keep your schedule flexible. Throw a little pizzazz into everyday doin's by adding creative touches. Don't be afraid to experiment. Kisses complete week.

**VIRGO (8-23/9-22):** New faces on your scene may provide a bit of intrigue, Virgo. Be slow and careful in developing these new relationships, for at least one is best kept at arm's length. Full moon sets hectic pace and, later, coins clink.

**SAGITTARIUS (11-23/12-21):** Saj dear, it's part of your nature to want to know the whys and wherefores of everything all the time. You'll do well to stash that Sherlock bit for this week, babe, or you'll just be going in circles. Instead, play!

**CAPRICORN (12-22/1-19):** You're likely to learn a little bit about a lot of subjects in week ahead, Cappy. Just remember that old saw about a little knowledge being a dangerous thing. And even you can't become an instant expert. Sorry about that!

**AQUARIUS (1-20/2-19):** Think before you speak, Aquari. To avoid potential foot-in-mouth situations. You're likely to want to change directions this week, so be sure to stay on two-way streets where U-turns are allowed. Busy days fly by.

**PISCES (2-20/3-20):** The sun enters your sign this week, so let me be the first to wish you a very Happy Birthday, Pisces, my pet. One of your gifts is a fully charged battery. Put that energy to good use by proceeding full speed ahead in your chosen path. Before last day, you may discover a secret pal.

**TAURUS (4-20/5-20):** Outside influences could bring pressure to bear, Taurus, and you may find yourself frantically juggling your time. Romantic possibilities can pop up in the strangest places, so keep your eyes open for 'em.

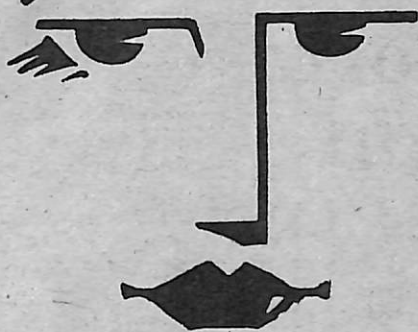
**MOONCHILD (6-21/7-22):** New directions for growth and learning open up this week, Moonbeam. Be willing to investigate. A mid-winter break may be in store in the next few weeks, too. A holiday this time of year is great as a relaxer and a restorer.

**LIBRA (9-23/10-23):** Although Valentine's Day was last week, this week has a lot to do with love, too, Libby. Love means many things to each person and you may well add a new dimension to your own personal definition. Last day holds a puzzle.

**LEO (7-23/8-22):** Variety is the spice of life, Leo, and this week holds enough to keep you more than interested. Opinions are both asked for and offered. You'll find those around you very stimulating in all sorts of ways. Look for a mystery, too.

**SCORPIO (10-24/11-22):** While sailing the ocean of life this week, Scorp, you might expect a few waves. Of course, you're apt to make a few yourself! Look for an old waterspout to reappear, too. Days close with porpoises. Hooray!

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# Solitario Set For Third Battle At Hubbard's

As has been the custom in the past, Frank Solitario's request for a residential zone change on the corner of South and Suffield Streets has resurfaced old battle lines and old arguments, both pro and con.

## Third Time

Solitario, for the third time in two years, will approach Town Council for permission to build some 550 condominiums on the 64-acre parcel.

The only major change in the builder's proposal is a plan for an elderly housing unit within the complex.

Solitario recently received a 3-0 favorable vote of the Conservation Commission. The Planning Board, which in the past has supported the developer's plans for Hubbard's Corner, still is deliberating on the matter.

Planner William Pirani, a relative newcomer to the board, has raised several points of objection to the project. Nonetheless, the Planning Board is expected to send a third favorable recommendation to the council.

The arguments against Solitario's project have not changed.

Precinct Six Councilor Alfred Trehey, who has received heavy support from angry neighbors abutting the proposed project, cited a lack of sewer and water connections as well as rapid growth to the area.

## No Control

There are also the fears by some opponents that once Solitario receives his zone change, the town has no control over many of the building aspects of the project, which, according to Solitario, will cost \$20 million.

Other arguments include mushrooming traffic growth to the area and the likelihood that the Worthington Brook would flood, creating additional strain on area homeowners.

Regardless of these and other protests, Solitario possesses a bastion of support from several Planning Board members and several influential members of the council.

Last spring when Solitario reached the council floor, he received eight votes, two short of the required ten necessary for a zone change.

According to the developer, "Things look pretty good with the council," at this point.



The above photo is a small section of the Hubbard's Corner section of southern Agawam which for the third time in two years has local developer Frank Solitario seeking a zone change from Town Council. Photo by Jack Devine.

Solitario has promised to install an \$800,000 system to tie into the Worthington Brook connector to prevent the projected sewer problems, which, according to opponents, will cost the town plenty in the long run despite the developer's promises.

Building a tax base and the addition of the elderly housing unit are two arguments that development proponents are sure to utilize as the fight approaches the council floor.

Says Solitario, "There is a need to build a tax base in this community. My project would put additional revenue into the community and also provide housing for its senior citizens."

According to the developer, there exists a waiting list of 200 senior citizens for adequate housing in Agawam. He says that if he receives the zone change, construction will begin this summer and "the elderly will have a nice place to live that they and the town can be proud of."

Planner Harold Ellis, a staunch supporter of Solitario's project, remains adamant that the developer "will follow through with his pledges."

## Build A Tax Base

Ellis has been a well known development proponent since taking a seat on the board two years ago. "I believe the town must build a tax base and we should not hinder this project any longer."

Still, the bottom line to the issue rests with the council.

Trehey vowed to wage a stiff fight against passing the zone change.

He says that in his many years as a town resident, such developments aimed at increasing the tax base have in fact caused taxes "to double."

"I just don't buy the argument about building a tax base through this type of a development that in the long run will wear down municipal services and add to our taxes," he commented.

Trehey's fellow councilor in Precinct Six, Council President Paul Fieldstad, would not comment on Solitario's new proposal until "I see a recommendation from the Planning Board."

Fieldstad has refused to buy Solitario's plan in the past and has been a key figure in helping the neighbors in protest against large scale development at Hubbard's Corner.

There is no reason to believe he will change his position now.

Solitario has promised to build 180 houses on the sub-divided lot if the council refuses his zone change. He says the School Committee recently voted unanimously in favor of his development rather than the cultivation of single-family homes at the site.

Planning Board Chairman Charles Calabrese, who voted in favor of Solitario's proposal last spring, says the board will study the growth pattern in southern Agawam and how it affects sewers, water, the flooding of Worthington Brook and traffic patterns in the area.

## He's My Friend



To tell the truth, today he likes his dog better than he likes his sister.

Tomorrow, his quarrel with his sister will be over, and he'll remember that she's pretty special, too.

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## Critics Choice

By Chuck Kelley

Oscar and Felix, two characters whose household names have become synonymous with levels of household dirt, are on stage at the Brass Rail Dinner Theatre in Southwick. The New Valley Players are giving *The Odd Couple*, Neil Simon's most popular play, a lively and talented production.

Roger Patnode gives a standout performance as the sloppy, beer-bellied Oscar Madison. Simon gave Oscar most of the one-liners, and Patnode is an expert at delivering them. He is in total control of his role as he takes the comedy and skillfully times and paces it for easy laughter. Patnode's Oscar Madison is a slob who is also likable and human.

Felix, the hypochondriac who cleans as a way of life, is played by Dick Volker. Dressed in neat shirt and tie and a pink apron that doesn't match, Felix happily goes about making everyone's life clean and miserable. Volker obviously registers Felix' emotions that beg for both sympathy and mercy killing.

The conflict between Oscar and Felix is one of the great creations of team work in comedy. The reaction is often funnier than the original laugh-getter, and *The Odd Couple* is laden with bits of wonder and disbelief. Oscar and Felix are characters in contrast and the team work of Patnode and Volker brings them out in bold relief.

Poker-playing buddies are Tom Shea as Speed, Bill Kennedy as Vinnie, Michael Joseph as Ron, and Ron Schlagel as Murray. The sisters from England who live upstairs are played by Joan Gardner and Connie Kennedy.

Director Carol DiNovis has the play moving at a good pace. She has six actors on stage moving quickly and naturally. There are physical gags that are clever and funny, and she has received a fine blend of performances from all her actors.

## Advertiser/News Hires Ad Manager

The *Agawam Advertiser/News* today announced the recent hiring of Ronald W. Hayes as the paper's fulltime Advertising and Classified Manager.

Hayes, a Boston native, will be responsible for monthly promotions as well as the cultivation of new accounts for the newspaper. His responsibilities also include all classified sales and the servicing of many current accounts of the *Advertiser/News*.

Hayes has a long career in the advertising and public relations field. He has worked for several newspapers in the Boston area and his most recent position was director of marketing for a chain of social service agencies in Springfield.

Hayes said of his new position, "I was impressed with the Agawam paper when I first saw it last year and have followed its growth over the past 14 months."

"I think it has tremendous potential for the future in not only news expansion but also the expansion of its advertising and classified base."

With the hiring of a fulltime advertising manager, Agawam's only weekly newspaper has committed itself to expanding its circulation.

Ron is married with one child.



Ron Hayes

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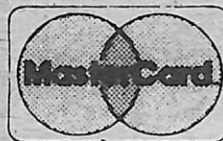
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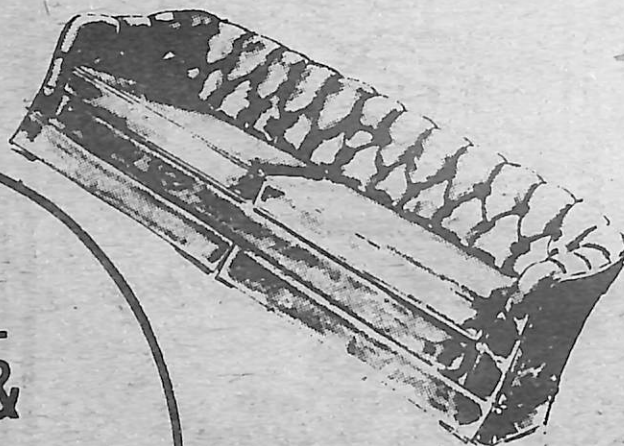
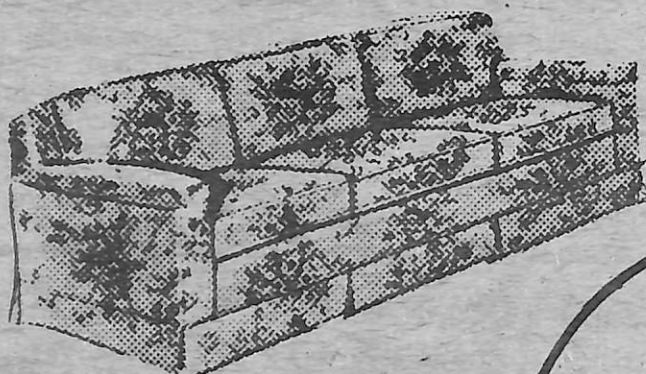
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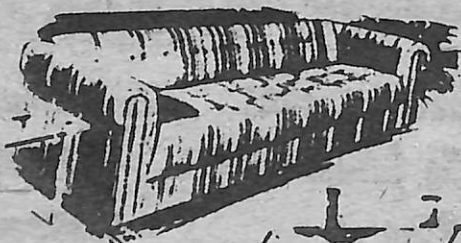
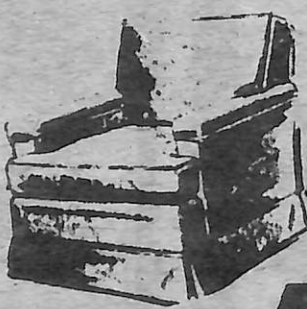
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# SOCIAL



Irene Scanlon, new owner and operator of "Irene's Closet," will open her doors this coming weekend. Stop by and check out this unique shop. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Irene Opens Her Closet

By Diana Willard

Everyone loves to explore closets, especially someone else's. Now Irene is opening her closet to you.

**Irene's Closet** is a resale shop of apparel that deserves a second life. Stock includes antique, theatrical, and contemporary clothing.

Proprietor Irene Scanlon accepts items on a consignment basis. A recent preview of the shop's merchandise revealed such brand names as Yves Jennet, Non Stop, Diane Von Furstenberg, Jack Winter, and London Fog, to name a few. Clothes must be in good condition, cleaned and pressed in order to find space in **Irene's Closet**.

One corner of the store is devoted entirely to Indian silks - long dresses, silk shirts, and even a sari.

Uniquely-displayed accessories give **Irene's Closet** an air of distinction. Don't be surprised to see a kid glove holding a philodendron or a fox fur hanging from the wall with an antique beaded purse in his teeth.

Most of the accessories come from Irene's extensive personal collection. While some are for aesthetic purposes and not for sale, many are. Boas, gloves, shoes, hats, jewelry and parasols, several of which are antique, are attractively displayed throughout the establishment. It's worth a visit just to view the decor.

The grand opening for **Irene's Closet** is scheduled for Saturday, February 14th, Valentine's Day. A back room, designated "Back of the Closet" will feature items at 50% off the ticketed price on opening day only. In addition, the first 50 customers will receive a complimentary gift.

The store is located at 665 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, and there is ample parking space. Hours are 9 to 5:30 on Tuesdays through Saturdays with a closing time of 9 p.m. on Thursdays.

If you should find just that dress you've been looking for and are disappointed because it's a little big, don't worry. Irene does alterations on the premises.

## Local Civic Projects Top Juniors' Gifts

At a recent meeting, the Agawam Junior Women's Club appropriated funds for gifts to civic organizations. Community-based programs received first priority with the local women.

Mrs. Aprille Soderman, president, explained, "We felt it was our responsibility as a civic organization to support those programs most likely to be put in jeopardy by the upcoming state and local budget cuts."

The club members approved \$900 for three scholarships of \$300 each for graduating seniors from Agawam High. They also added \$160 to the Ray McCarroll Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Agawam Rotary, bringing the Juniors' total to \$200.

SPAN Counseling Center will be \$500 richer from a donation from the Juniors, and the Crime Watch Program will have an additional \$100 to spend on materials.

Materials to expand the CPR program into public schools may be purchased with the Juniors' \$100 gift, and the Youth Center will also receive \$100 for their programs.

Special children's books will be purchased with \$63 to the Agawam Library; \$50 will go to arts for the handicapped; and \$25 each will go to Marriage Encounter programs, Our Lady of Providence Children's Center, and Laughing Brook Educational Center.

Special activities to receive donations include \$60 to the Doreen Grace Fund, a center for brain research, \$30 to Al-Anon, and \$30 to HERA (Hotline to End Rape and Abuse).

As a member of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Agawam Juniors pledge additional support to several state projects, including the Ricky Gomes Memorial Scholarship, open to students of all ages; and the Mass. State Scholarships for music, art and international scholars.

Any Agawam High School student interested in applying for these special (MSFWC) scholarships should contact Mrs. Soderman, 19 Losito Lane, 786-3412, for further details.

## Suffield Players Casting

Auditions for Suffield Players' spring production of Dan Blue's *Dumbbell People in a Barbell World* are set for February 23, 24, and 25 at 8 p.m. at Suffield High School.

The play, to be directed by Gordon Glover, is a warm and humorous look at the world's underdogs and how losers can often become winners. Because the production consists of three interconnected one-act plays, rehearsal time will be considerably less than usual and will provide a good opportunity for actors who are unable to make a large time commitment.

Anyone interested in backstage work can also sign on in February. For further information, call Lynne Baranski at 668-2849 after 7 p.m.

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## "On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

STEVEN & CAROL COUCHON of 16 Kimberley Circle, Feeding Hills, recently increased their household's population with the birth of their third child. REBECCA MARIE arrived on January 21st, three weeks ahead of schedule, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measuring 20½ inches long. Her two brothers, four-year-old MICHAEL, and two-year-old CHRISTOPHER, were happy to see her. Michael's comment over and over again is "I'm so glad that God gave us a sister." Mom adds, "They're both always kissing her."

Grandparents to Rebecca are Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS BERNARDICIUS of West Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT COUCHON of Westfield. The baby's great-grandmother is Mrs. HELEN THIBAUT.

Carol, who always wanted three children and a girl last, is enjoying shopping for pink clothes and pretty dresses for a change. She strongly believes that it's important for children of each sex to be raised together in order for one to better understand the other.

However, she has a feeling that her cute little Rebecca will be a bit of a tomboy with two older brothers to model after.

LARRY & LAURIE LA BAFF of 38 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills, also welcomed a baby girl into the family last month. On January 31st, after a remarkably short labor, their first child, AIMEE MARIE, was born. She weighed a petite six pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 21 inches tall.

CHARLIE & DORIS O'CONNOR of 67 Taft Street, Feeding Hills, and ALFRED & SHIRLEY LA BAFF, of Springfield, were delighted with their new granddaughter. Aimee's great-grandmother, VERDI LA BAFF, lives in Chicopee.

Both Larry and Laurie were pleased about the speedy delivery of Aimee, who arrived by natural childbirth following two short hours of labor. The new parents bowl 10 pins at the Springfield Turnverein, and Laurie bowled regularly until a week and a half before the baby was born. No doubt, "being in good shape" contributed to the baby's quick delivery.

We fully expect to see the fair-skinned Aimee at the club one of these nights, taking "pop-ball" bowling lessons from her dad.

Having a son can be just as rewarding, as local dentist MARK HASELKORN will quickly point out. His wife SUZANNE gave birth to her first child SCOTT on February 2nd, also using natural childbirth techniques. Scott weighed in at 6 pounds, 3½ ounces and measured 19¼ inches long.

Scott's paternal grandparents live in North Miami Beach, Florida. They are SYLVIA & IRVING HASELKORN. Maternal grandparents are CHARES & DENISE HARVEY of Chicopee Falls.

"Stand-in grandmother" is YVETTE VALENTE of 379 Springfield Street, receptionist at Mark's Main Street office. She has spent much time visiting Scott in the hospital and helping out.

According to Dad, Scott is a future President. "He can be whatever he wants to be, but for right now, he's healthy, and we're both very, very happy."

Former students of Holly's Dance Studio previously located on Walnut Street Extension will be happy to hear that HOLLY (PERELLA) HRYBYK is fine and doing well in Sturbridge, Mass.

Holly and classmate ERIN (SCANLON) SHEPARD worked as teaching assistants to Holly Szydle, who first owned the local studio. About four years later, Holly Perella took ownership of the business and coordinated two dance recitals before selling the studio and moving to Sturbridge to be closer to her husband's new job.

She and her husband Tom have a ten-month-old son, Scott Michael, whom they enjoy watching grow. Holly, a "cookbook buff," enjoys staying home and hopes to enlarge their family in the near future.

Holly is a regular subscriber to the Advertiser/News and she writes that she enjoys keeping in touch with what's happening back home. The best to you, Holly. Enjoy your motherhood and homelife.

I hope you all take the opportunity on Valentine's Day to give Warm Fuzzies to those you care for. Not only your mate or sweetheart, but the close friend who gives comfort when you need it, your children who are very special people, or your parents whom you owe so much.

Happy Warm Fuzzy Day to all! Penny

## Juniors Begin Gray Is Beautiful

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is beginning its third annual Gray Is Beautiful campaign on February 15th. According to Mrs. Maureen Scanlon, chairperson for the drive, the purpose is to acquaint consumers in Agawam with the types of packaging available for purchase at local stores and what their purchase means for the environment.

"Any paper container that is gray on the inside has been constructed with recycled paper and should be noted for future choice," explained Mrs. Scanlon, who indicated that the Juniors are working to encourage grocery shoppers to purchase products in recycled containers on a regular basis.

"This is a gradual process of education and action," she stated, "with consumers becoming more aware of the effect on the environment of wasting paper and burning plastic and styrofoam containers."

The recycling project becomes most successful when the demand for old paper is increased by the production of more "gray is beautiful" packages. The consumer, as an individual, can have a direct effect on this process.

The Agawam club is one of forty clubs statewide as a member of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs and one of 4,000 nationwide in the General Federation of Women's Clubs involved in the "Gray Is Beautiful" campaign. Any teacher or citizen seeking more information may contact Mrs. Scanlon at 782-4903.

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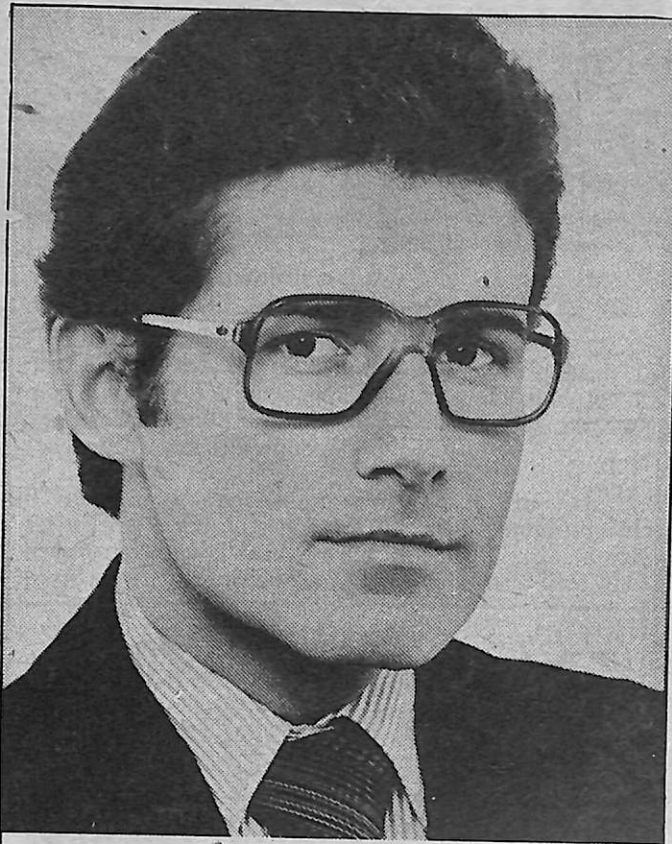
## Pheasant Hill News

Members of the Pheasant Hill Women's Tuesday Afternoon Social Club meet each week from 1 to 3:30 P.M. for card games and refreshments. Anyone interested in joining them may call Rose Baevich, president, at 786-6300 or Philomena Mercadante at 786-4038 at 786-4038. New members are welcome.

Speaking of welcomes, a welcoming committee has been formed at the Pheasant Hill Village complex to greet new families who move into their neighborhood community. The village is one of our newest little communities which houses about 200 families.

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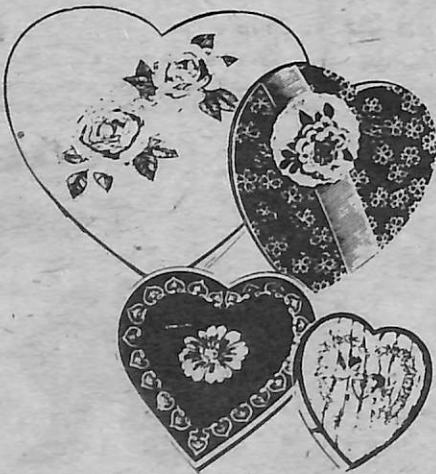
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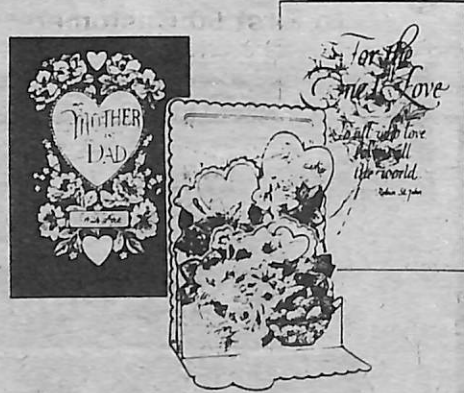


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Agawam UNICO will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday February 22. Flapping the jacks are from left, Tommy Cascio, Frank Chriscola, and Paul Ferrarini. Photo by Jack Devine.

## UNICO Plans Pancake Breakfast

Agawam Chapter of UNICO will hold its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, February 22 at the Agawam Middle School with continuous servings from 8 a.m. to noon.

Tickets are on sale at several locations in town including Gino's and 430 Package Stores, Mutti's Service Station, Chriscola Farms, and Towne Insurance. They will also be available at the door. Proceeds will

benefit community charities and the Golden Agers. Frank Chriscola Jr. will act as chairman and head chef.

Agawam UNICO is a non-profit organization which raises funds for mental health, retarded children, scholarships, and community charities. Their motto is "Service Above Self."

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## Lions Live Up To Motto

The Agawam Lions Club lives up to its motto of "We serve."

This past weekend, King Lion Dick Bassett presented checks in excess of \$9,000 to help others at the District 33Y Lions Mid-Winter Convention at the Rodeway Inn, Chicopee.

Mass. Eye Research received \$7,000 for continued research. Dr. Richard Robb, ophthalmologist Chief-of-Staff at Children's Hospital in Boston, accepted a check for \$1,000. The Willie Ross School for the Deaf, \$1,000; CARE, \$100; and Lions Club International Fund, \$100.

The annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper will be held at the Middle School on March 18th. More details will be forthcoming.

## Hi-Lighters Plan Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club is holding a "Beginners Ball" on Friday, February 13th, at 8 p.m. at the Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Bob Turnbull will be the caller, and all square dancers are invited to. Refreshments will be served.

## For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

With Valentine's Day upon us, many of us are looking through the hundreds of cards on the market trying to pick a card for that very special someone - husband, wife, sweetheart, mother, father, etc. As I think back over the many cards I've received, Valentine or other, the ones I've treasured most were the hand-made ones. Perhaps they were not so elegant and the verse not always perfect, but I knew they were made with love and whatever the message, that it was sincere and from the heart. And isn't that what it's really all about?

Too many times we tend to feel guilty if we haven't bought an elaborate card or gift, often spending more than we can afford. All of us have many gifts to give that cost little or nothing. How about a collection of your favorite recipes to a bride-to-be or to your grandchild getting his/her first apartment. Most of us have plants in our home today. Take a cutting and root it and give a plant. Give some homemade jellies or a hot apple pie. Maybe you could give some sort of lessons, knitting, woodworking, gardening, to name a few. The list is virtually endless. Next time you want to give a gift, think over the possibilities. They are not only original and unique, but a real part of yourself.

The Men's Senior Pool Club of Agawam held elections recently. The new officers are Mike Jabry, president; Art Grabline, vice-president; Frank Hardina, alternate; Fred Vogt, treasurer; Fred Dion, recording secretary; Frank Garde, Edward McMahon, and Roland Corriveau, directors.

This club is very active. For those of you who aren't familiar with it, it has been in existence since 1966 when it was in the old post office building on Main Street. The first president was former selectman Henry Magovern, and first vice-president was Frank Garde. The cue sticks used by the club were donated by the Lions Club, which also maintains a fund for repairs, etc.

Anyone interested in this club should contact Mike Jabry.

I only have one birthday wish to send our so far this month and that's a Happy 79th Birthday to Tony Mecca. Tony came here from Rome, Italy, in 1923 and began a landscaping business in 1929. The Senior Center helped Tony celebrate his birthday.

For those of you who might be interested, anyone 80 or older, or anyone who is celebrating a 50th anniversary or more can receive a card from the White House. Just send the pertinent information at least 30 days in advance - name, address, dates - to Greetings Office, Office of the President, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500.

Many thanks to the Junior Youth Group of the Congregational Church of Agawam. They gave lovely little bags of Valentine candies for the Meals on Wheels participants. A terrific gift!

Mr. Richard Henry is looking for some senior citizens to umpire little league in April, May, and June. He also needs a couple of people to help in the concession stand. If you are interested, please call him at 789-0544.

Remember this column is for you. If you want to let us know something or announce something, call or write Rita White, 81 Witheridge St., F.H. 786-4970. Roses are red, violets are blue. This kind of verse is old hat to you. But this Valentine message is coming your way. Wishing you love, health, and happiness on this special day.

Rita White



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## St. Anthony's Group Sets Smorg & Dance

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church will hold its third annual pre-lenten smorgasbord and dance on Saturday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Dance music will be furnished by Ric Jadogowski orchestra and his music makers. Parishoners observing their 25th or 50th anniversaries will be guests of honor.

Fr. Joseph Fellin is honorary chairman, with Lou Scherpa, chairman, and a committee consisting of Al Bellano, Ken Balboni, Vernon Peterson, Frank Gatti, Dorothy Pelegi, and Paul Ferrarini.

Tickets are \$5.50 each and may be obtained from Holy Name members, from ushers at mass, or at the rectory. Proceeds will benefit a fund for a new kitchen floor in the church hall.

## Trading Post Sale

The Trading Post at the Agawam First Baptist Church on the corner of Main and Elm Streets is planning a twenty-percent-off sale on Wednesday, February 25th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Many winter articles will be priced 50% off in addition to at least 20% off every item that is in the shop. Good as new clothes are featured with a fine assortment for all members of the family. A Junior Rack for the ladies who wear small sizes is a special attraction. Household items, paperback books, jewelry, drapes, and other miscellaneous articles are also on sale.

The Trading Post is open every Wednesday throughout the school year.

## Theosophical Society Plans Energy Slide Show

The Springfield Theosophical Society will sponsor a public lecture and slide presentation on Energy Fields in Man and Nature on February 15th at 2:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street. A donation will be requested at the door.

The program will include a summary of the development of Kirlian photography and its techniques in making visible a variety of radiation energy fields occurring in nature. Alfred Hulstrunk, a research engineer in the hard energy field who has been investigating this area for many years, will be the guest speaker.

## Grange Will Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, February 17th, at 7:30 in the Grange Home on North West Street. Following the business meeting, an evening of games will be enjoyed under the direction of the three graces, Lois White, chairperson.

A special treat during the social hour will be the annual maple sugar eat with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bradway in charge of the kitchen.

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### Estelle Dell'aglio

Estelle (Stadnicki) Dell'aglio, 33, of 20 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, died Thursday, February 5th, 1981, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital unit.

Having attended schools in Chicopee, she lived in Feeding Hills only 1½ years and was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Church.

She leaves her husband, Anthony; a son, Vincent; a daughter, Erica; her parents, Fred and Josephine Stadnicki of Ludlow; two sisters, Barbara Tougas of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and Joanne Norris of Springfield; and her grandmother, Mary Stadnicki of Chicopee.

Kozikowski Funeral Home, Chicopee, was in charge of services with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

### William Frenier

William J. Frenier, 92, of 1207 North Street Extension, died Tuesday, February 3, 1981, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital unit.

An employee of Westinghouse Electric Company for 33 years, he retired in 1953.

Widower of Rosetta Morency, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Leo (Polly) Bourgeois; one sister, Bertha Auger of Keene, New Hampshire; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Toomey O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

### Henry N. Guidi

Henry N. Guidi, 79, of 60 Cooper Street, died Wednesday, February 4, 1981, in Mercy Hospital.

A native of West Springfield, he lived in Agawam 45 years and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church. He was a 40-year cable supervisor and instructor for the New England Telephone Company.

He served for several years at the Massachusetts Conservation Camp and was a charter and honorary member of the Agawam Sportsmen's Club, the Italian Sporting Club, the Victor Emmanuel Society, and the Agawam-West Springfield Bocce League.

He leaves his wife, Rosalia (Gusetti); two sisters, Eva McCarthy of Agawam and Josephine Thomas of Springfield; and a brother William of Venice, Florida.

Toomey O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of service with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

### F. Raymond Shea

F. Raymond Shea, 67, of 90A Pheasant Hill Apartments, died Sunday, February 8, 1981, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital unit.

A 37-year employee of Savage Arms, he retired in 1975. He lived in Feeding Hills for one year and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He was also a past commander of the American Legion Post in West Springfield and a Navy veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife, Mary (McDonnell); a son John of South Hadley; two stepsons, Daniel and Bob McDonnell, both of West Springfield; two stepdaughters, Noreen Pierce of Florida and Jeannette Mercadante of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Imelda Bradford of Louisiana and Margaret Golota of Chicopee; and two granddaughters.

Curran Jones Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

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## Attend Service This Week



We will be running this column weekly to inform you of the hours of services at your house of worship. Activities at your parish hall and other items of interest concerning parish doings may be submitted for publication in our social pages. We encourage parishes to appoint a person to be responsible for publicity. This information is furnished as a public service.

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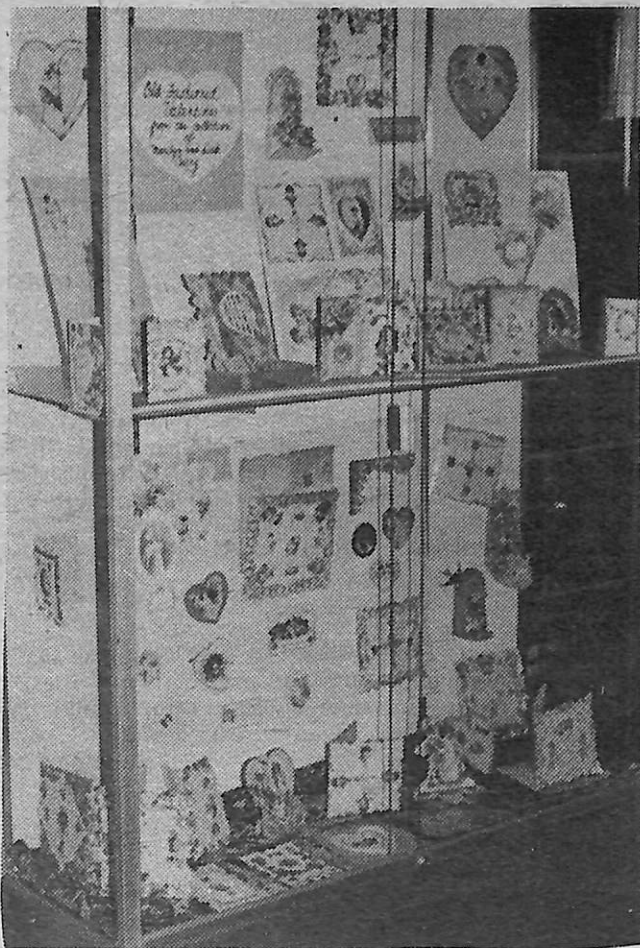
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Valentine's Day display at the Library.

## Valentine's Day: Began With Wolves

By Jeanne Hofmann  
Agawam Library Staff

Valentine's Day celebrations can be traced all the way back to third century Rome. Lupercus, the god who watched over shepherds and their flocks, was honored with a special feast in the early spring in hopes of insuring his protection from the hoards of hungry wolves that preyed upon the sheep every year. During this "Lupercalia" it became the custom for each young man to draw lots for the name of a young maiden who became his partner for dancing and games throughout the festivities.

With the advent of Christianity, these heathen celebrations were condemned by church authorities. However, it was impossible to abolish them entirely, since people weren't about to give up all that fun! So, hoping to christianize the festivals, Pope Galasius chose a patron saint for lovers, named Valentine, whose birthdate coincided with the Lupercalia. Ideas conflict on who he really was or what deeds he performed, but the most common story portrays him as a priest during the reign of the cruel Emperor Claudius. When Claudius found his soldiers reluctant to leave their wives and sweethearts to go into battle, he decreed that no more marriages could be performed. St. Valentine supposedly took pity on all the young lovers, married them in secret, was thrown into prison for this kindness, and died a martyr's death.

As time went by, hearts and flowers sentiment became traditional in celebrating St. Valentine's feast day. During the reign of Charles II, gifts of flowers, perfume, gloves, and jeweled garters were favorite items to exchange.

In the United States, valentines were at the height of popularity during the Civil War. They were usually handmade or imported from England at great ex-

pense. Then, a century ago, Esther Howland, a student at Mount Holyoke College, decided to create and market some commercial ones. She recruited friends and neighbors to work assembly-line fashion, and her popular "Worcester" valentines brought in sales of \$100,000 annually, making her one of the first successful career women in America.

Along with traditions, valentine superstitions have evolved through the years. For instance, young women once pinned bay leaves to the corners of their pillows, then went to bed hoping to dream of their sweethearts and insure marriage within a year. Other methods to invoke dreams of future husbands included rubbing the bedposts with lemon peels and wearing one's nightgown inside out!

For the more practical-minded who didn't want to rely on dreams, other courses of action were advised, such as soaking shoelaces in water and throwing them at the ceiling. One's lover's initials were to appear in the marks they left. Or writing all one's admirers' names on little bits of paper, rolling them in clay and dropping them in water. First to rise to the top would be one's true love. Most drastic of all is this one: You can make someone love you for sure if he or she drinks a glass of lemonade to which you have added your fingernail filings or in which you have soaked your toenail clippings!

Now all of you conservative souls out there had better forego lemonade until after the 14th! The rest of us will plunge right into the spirit of things and throw caution to the winds, along with our shoelaces. Happy Valentine's Day.



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### AAH Expects Grant

The Town of Agawam expects \$14,000 in state lottery monies to be re-granted through the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council this year.

An open meeting in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library will be held on February 12th at 7 p.m. Re-granting procedures and eligibilities will be discussed. The monies are designed to fund the arts in the broadest sense, and the money is granted on a use it or lose it basis.

All persons interested in the arts are invited to attend this meeting to be conducted by AAH officers Robert Sands, chairman; Louise Amerman, vice-chairman; Ruth Ashline, recording secretary; Andrew Gallano, treasurer; and Sylvia Deliso, publicity.

Other board members are Ann Mary Bradford, Darcy Davis, Sandra Dudek, Jessie Fuller, Mark Fuller, Jim Kallipolites, Nancy Locke, Niobe O'Connor, Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, Barbara Skolnick, Paul Sutton, and John Wiley.

For assistance with any arts program, please feel free to contact any member, especially Bob Sands or Sylvia Deliso, who will advise you of conflicting programs scheduled and assure you of advanced publicity and possible funding.

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# THE FEATURES PAGE

## All He Needs Now Are The Helping Hands

By Penny Stone

At two years of age, Steven was a hellion. He was a normal, active, healthy boy; very curious and always on the go.

"He was the kind of child who would climb out the window and go visit the neighbors down the block. He was always into something," reflects his mother, Rose Kennedy, of 98 Chestnut Lane, Agawam.

On March 22nd, nearly eight years ago, Steven got into something which changed his life and the entire lifestyle of his family. Playing in the back yard, Steven's then-five-year-old brother Michael ran to tell his mother that "Steven is dead. Steven is dead." And he was, too; the doctors said that he was technically "dead on arrival" at the Wesson Memorial Hospital a short time later.

Apparently Steven had been attracted to a nearby pond of water, a springtime backwash from the swollen Connecticut River a few blocks away. Somehow Steven had fallen in and drowned in the shallow water.

In shock, his mother lifted him from the cold pond, pumped water out of him, and instinctively attempted to breathe life back into her small child.

Steven was rushed to the hospital by police cruiser as Officer Skip Rising attempted to revive him using his emergency medical training skills. Upon arrival, doctors worked hard and long to restore life to the two-year-old boy.

After what seemed like forever, Mrs. Kennedy was informed that her son was ALIVE. Adrenalin had been pumped into his heart to stimulate circulation and it had worked. Steven's parents were cautioned, however, that his brain had been without oxygen long enough to have suffered "severe damage" - words they rejected hearing and accepting. They were later warned that their son would be in a semi-conscious state the rest of his life and would never be able to make a voluntary movement.

Hooked up to life support systems, Steven lay in a coma for four agonizing days. Coming out of that, he spent the next three months in a semi-conscious state and was transferred to the Joseph P. Kennedy Memorial Hospital for rehabilitation. His body was spastic; casts had to be put on his little arms and legs. He had to be fed through a tube in his stomach.

"It was very hard to take," recalls Mrs. Kennedy.

When he came home in November, almost three years old, he couldn't hold his head up and his movements were still spastic. This bright little boy who had learned to walk at nine months could not now put one foot in front of the other.



Steven, though brain injured, is normal in many ways. Here he sits with some of his favorite toys.

### Not An Open And Shut Case

It was suggested by medical authorities that he be institutionalized. However, the Kennedy's, who were still struggling with the anger, pain, and guilt involved, refused. They were learning to accept what had happened and felt their only recourse was to put their faith in God and to believe that something better would come of this tragedy. Never believing it was an open and shut case of "severe brain damage," they reacted by expecting more from Steven and dedicating their time to working with him daily at home.

Their "theory" worked. Against all odds, Steven began to make continual progress. He could hold his head up. He learned to communicate and to respond. As the months dragged by, he started to verbalize and to exercise his body. It soon became evident that while the lack of oxygen had affected his physical abilities, he was able to understand what was going on around him. Not only conscious, but mentally alert, Steven was effectively trapped inside a body he couldn't control to make appropriate responses to indicate that he understood. Fortunately, his family saw this and pushed him on to even higher goals.

Tracking down available programs to help Steven was very difficult. People don't like to talk much about brain-damaged children, unless, of course, they know one. And this is how word of outside help really came to the Kennedy's. Knowing where to go for help is all it takes; a mother's instinct takes care of the rest.

"I've learned to be a fighter through all this," Mrs. Kennedy declared. "After all, if I don't fight for him, who will?"

Consequently, Steven has spent more time in school situations than his contemporaries. He's had home teachers and physical therapists. He's been to special summer camps. He's been to the Community Clinical Nursery School funded by the DPH and the DMH's developmental class in East Longmeadow.

Steven's present developmental program is two-fold. Mornings he attends the Elementary Readiness Program in Longmeadow, where he follows a chapter 766 educational plan and learns through socialization with his peers. The remainder of his day is spent at home, where physical exercises, called "patterning," are done three times each day.

### Patterning Exercises Train The Brain

These patterning exercises are part of the therapy recommended by experts in the field, Dr. Robert Doman and Dr. Eugene Spitz of the Center for Neurological Rehabilitation in Morton, Pennsylvania. The Kennedy's became involved with this world-famous center after reading a book about it in the library and asking themselves, "Why not?"

After applying to the center, they had expected a few months wait before hearing from them since there is a waiting list to get in. However, upon reviewing Steven's case, Dr. Spitz was anxious to work with him right away, explaining that of all the drowning victims he had seen, Steven had progressed the farthest.

Steven has been following the center's "neurological organization program" for one year now, and his progress is continual and rewarding. The patterning exercises train Steven's brain to coordinate his body movements and to act appropriately when given commands. This patterning must be done three times daily - at 1:00, 2:30, and 7:00 p.m. Three to four people are necessary to carry out these exercises properly. On weekends and evenings, the whole family get involved. However, each weekday afternoon, six volunteers are required to assist Steven's mother and help him reach his program goals.

### Extend A Hand

Presently, members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club and many other caring people from Agawam, West Springfield, and Springfield are volunteering one hour each week to this bright, loving boy. About twelve more volunteers and substitutes are needed to carry out Steven's physical therapy program effectively. Caring is all that is required.

Perhaps you have to know Steven to believe that he does have the ability to unlock the chains that bind him and to realize his full potential just like the little boy who first learned to walk at a mere nine months of age. All he needs now are the helping hands.

PHOTOS  
BY  
JACK DEVINE



Steven, who first learned to walk at 9 months, must now ride his three wheeler to get around by himself. He and Mom share a quiet moment.



Using an overhead ladder, Steven applies his patterning exercises in relearning to walk. Junior Women's Club members Barbara Connery, left, and Aprille Soderman help him reach his goal.



# EDITORIAL

## A Salute To Rev. Dunn Spiritual, Civic Leader

Reverend Frank Dunn, a long time civic, social, and political leader in this community, will be celebrating his 80th birthday in April.

To celebrate and honor Rev. Dunn, pastor of Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills, a general committee has been launched to coordinate his birthday party, the site, and date of which has yet to be set.

Rev. Dunn has served the townsfolk of Agawam since arriving here in 1947. Feting Rev. Dunn, in our estimation, is a splendid idea, and we are happy to have been asked by the committee to help coordinate publicity for this festive event.

Rev. Dunn was born in Toledo, Ohio, and was a minister in Hamstead, New Hampshire, and in Peabody and Andover, Massachusetts before arriving on our doorsteps.

Rev. Dunn has received national prominence as the organizer of the American Institute of Religion. He has presented a special program to combat juvenile crime to the U.S. House of Representatives, to the U.S. Senate and to two Presidents.

U.S. News and World Report, one of the country's top weekly magazines, cited Rev. Dunn's program to help stop juvenile delinquency in our cities and towns. His program, endorsed by Senator Edward Kennedy, is awaiting funding from Congress.

This vigorous minister of Valley Community Church has a long and distinguished record of achievement locally.

He was a member of the Council on Aging, General Chairman of the Agawam Centennial Committee in 1955, was Chairman of the Council/Manager Study Committee, and has served as Dean of Agawam's clergy for many years.

He is chaplain for both the Agawam Athletic Association and Agawam Fire Department and is a past Executive Director of the Greater Springfield Council of Churches.

Plans for the occasion will be discussed at 7 p.m. at the Valley Community Church Hall. Friends and associates are encouraged to attend.

Few men have given so much to Agawam, and Rev. Dunn deserves the acclaim of all. If you wish to help celebrate and plan the festivities, contact Gerald J. Mason, chairman of the event.



## FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

In his Inaugural Address, President Reagan promised to reduced government. He has already begun to implement the austerity programs that will be the hallmark of this administration. Here in Massachusetts, similar efforts must be implemented. Governor King has called for a hiring freeze in state government. He has also put a halt to new purchases of equipment, and he has said that his administration will undertake a voluntary "sunset" program to determine if agencies and departments can be consolidated or eliminated.

The concept of applying "sunset" legislation to Massachusetts is not novel, nor did it begin with Governor King. This writer along with other legislators has filed and fought for "sunset" laws for a number of years. Hopefully, this year such a law can be passed and implemented. It is essential that a periodic review of government agencies and departments carry the force of the law, as opposed to voluntary compliance.

While these cost cutting provisions in the Governor's budget proposal are commendable, other plans raise questions. Even as cities and towns struggle with their budgets in light of Proposition 2 1/2, the Governor is proposing salary hikes for 3,000 state managers which would amount to nearly \$26 million over two years.

A complete reorganization of the Executive Office of Human Services is in the works and while this may be necessary, it could also create serious problems. The Legislature's record in reorganization of state agencies is not always the best. Last year, for example, the Department of Education was reorganized within the budget process, causing considerable anger and confusion. The MBTA has yet to see appropriate reorganization despite many long hours in special session. And, the recently created Department of Social Services continues to be the target of much criticism.

## Tax Topics

By Abbett Tax Service

When emotions about divorce are running high, tax planning may be the farthest thing from your mind. The lack of planning could have grave income tax consequences for the spouse giving up property ownership in a settlement.

The Supreme Court of the United States held that "a transfer of property to extinguish a wife's inchoate dower rights is a sale or exchange on which gain or loss is realized." This decision was the 1962 T.C. Davis case. I mention this case because it is a landmark decision on who gets taxed in a divorce property settlement.

If the property settlement is merely a "partition" of jointly acquired property, you may have little or no tax problem. If one spouse is giving up his or her interest in property, there may well be sizable income taxes payable. The tax computation is based on the difference between the fair market value of the property on the day it is transferred and its basis (cost less depreciation). If a husband transfers property worth \$100,000 which he acquired for \$20,000 ten years ago, he realizes a long term gain of \$80,000. If his tax bracket is 30%, his tax could be as high as \$9,600.

There have been countless individuals who have given property to a spouse as part of a divorce settlement only to find out later that they must pay income taxes on the appreciation in the value of that property.

Property acquired while living in a community property state may be treated differently than property acquired while residing in a common law state.

Ask your accountant and attorney about the tax aspects of your property settlement agreement before it is finalized. There may be an alternate way of dividing the property with fewer wasted tax dollars.

## Legal Notices Accepted

## Letters to the Editor

### Resident Thanks Policemen

To The Editor:

Since I was too agitated at the time to ask the names of the police officers who answered my "distress call" last Saturday night shortly after midnight, I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank them.

I was awakened by unfamiliar noises and upon investigating, found someone had gained entrance. The intruder fled on foot and was shortly apprehended and brought to my home for identification.

It is gratifying to know that the prompt and efficient handling of this situation by our Police Department makes me feel much safer.

D. Brown  
120 Albert Street

### Moreno Comments On Water, Sewer

To The Editor:

Mr. Gallano took severe exception to my position on the water cost increase, and was further irked with our city auditor when she agreed with my statement that the water department is self-sustaining.

The story irritated rookie Councilor Gallano so much that he summoned the accountant on the carpet before the council, her bosses.

He asked three orchestrated questions which were supposed to put the silencer on her and thereby putting me down as though I were wrong.

I've got news for Mr. Gallano, Mr. Stone and Manager Bowen, the news is that their collective attempt to add \$434,000 to the water billing, doubling the present cost will fail. As I have said before, they wanted to raise enough money to satisfy 2 1/2%.

Strange, that we the people don't hear anymore about the increased water rate.

My phone has told me that the people are preparing a referendum to squash any attempt to raise the cost of water. The several groups I have spoken to have accepted my answers to why there is no need to increase the water costs. I show them the records and they understand, the records speak for themselves.

Mr. Gallano's only source for information is his brother, the treasurer, and his statement that he is the only one in Town Hall whose word he will take will someday cause Mr. Gallano (Andrew) some severe headaches.

The town DPW Superintendent Stone was in consultation with the accountant, Stone established these budgets, and for some reason, now comes up with an expense that he claims should have been paid by the water department, instead of by the town.

The record shows no demanding reason for the inclusion of a bonding expense at this time - because - if there was an expense from (as Stone states) 1975 through 1978, it should have been placed on record during that period - NOT NOW! just to satisfy or ease the uncomfortable position they now find themselves in. But then it's the typical old saw 'liars can figure and figures can lie.'

I say that the water department was established as a self-supporting enterprise and that all costs of operating the department are supposed to be derived from the water sales. The capital investment, construction projects, purchase of equipment, and bond obligations should all be paid from the water revenue.

The water department must be responsible for installation of all NEW water lines and maintenance of the existing system.

I say it has and does. Since Manager Bowen carried the initial ball - quoting "dire need for the money for 2 1/2%" - then modified it to "must have the increase to make the department pay its way" and then "people who use the water should be made to pay for it."

I am sure the people of Agawam are willing to pay for the water they use, but I am also sure that they don't want their water bills to be doubled just to rob themselves of the savings in taxes they expect from 2 1/2%.

Valentine Moreno

## Legal Lines

By Atty. Rene Thomas

*I have a power of attorney from my elderly aunt to handle her affairs. She is now senile, and I would like to know what should be done.*

A power of attorney is usually revoked by death or incompetence. Therefore, you are managing your aunt's affairs under a power that is no longer valid. This situation could expose you to liability for losses that may result.

I would suggest that you obtain the proper legal status to act in behalf of your aunt by petitioning the Probate Court to be appointed her conservator of guardian.

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# Our Readers React To Rte. 57 Chairman

## "Fieldstad's Gone Nuts"

### To The Editor:

Are we going crazy in this town or what? I never thought I'd write a letter to any paper, but after reading your editorial and Councilor Rheault's article regarding Route 57, I think Fieldstad's gone nuts and the council should have removed him.

What is this, if you don't vote for me, I'll show you how I can get back at you? I read that Fieldstad had no hard feelings. Why make us all suffer, Mr. Fieldstad.

I've been personally involved with Route 57 and know how badly the town needs it. With all due respect to Mr. Bartnik, I don't think he has the time or could possibly now take over and follow the present leadership.

This has got to be the biggest blunder the council will allow. Here we are in the middle of finally getting somewhere after eighteen long years with Route 57, and politics seems to be the only concern. Can't we ever think of what is good for the town?

Replacing the chairman of this important committee is just plain stupid. Who has worked any harder for Route 57? Ask yourself? I know - I've been there with him.

Very truly yours,  
Joseph Losito  
Mill Street

## Rheault Retention Urged

### To The Editor:

I felt I should share my feelings with my neighbors, regardless of the fact that I phoned Mr. Fieldstad and personally expressed to him what I thought about his "deal of dirty politics" regarding the change in leadership of Route 57.

Without a doubt, this is the best example of why the say politics is dirty. For anyone who knows what is going on with Route 57 and also the Route 57 Task Force, the very last person anyone in their right mind would take out of a leadership role should be Councilor Rheault. He has without question been the only representative from Agawam to keep it going. I watched him in action and, believe me, he is a professional.

Agawam should be proud to have someone of his ability leading the cause. To put a nobody in his place is a disgrace. That part of politics I'll never understand. I'm at a loss to understand Mr. Fieldstad now saying that Councilor Rheault hasn't called meetings. I personally attended several of them, and he was at every single one. I never saw Mr. Bartnik at any of those I attended. Let's quit playing games with such an important issue.

The real truth is that he (Rheault) won't play politics and I say the Council should demand that Mr. Fieldstad keep him as chairman.

Yours truly,  
Max Gaj  
711 Mill Street

## Rheault Retention Supported

### To The Editor:

I have just read your editorial and the guest editorial of your edition of February 5th.

As a resident of Granger Drive, I experience the problems of Route 57 on a daily basis. I also experience the same problems when I visit my relatives on Kensington Street.

I do not think it necessary to elaborate on the need for Route 57, but I do feel it important at this time to question my representatives' motives. I learned at an early age the time to get action is during an election year.

I have to differ with Mr. Kerr's apparent action of supporting the removal of Councilor Rheault as chairman of Route 57. I do not want to see this happen. Councilor Rheault has been a good chairman, which has been perfectly obvious from reading about the progress of Route 57 and watching television reports of the Route 57 Task Force meetings.

I hope for the town's sake that the Council President and the Council members will not let this change take place. We do not need more problems in this town than we already have. I see no one gaining from this situation.

Sincerely yours,  
W. Smidt  
32 Granger Drive

## Rheault Removal Criticized

### To The Editor:

I was appalled to read the editorials in your newspaper last week and particularly disturbed with my councilor, Paul Fieldstad, who has attempted to remove Councilor Rheault as chairman of the Route 57 Committee.

It is obvious to everyone that Mr. Rheault has done an outstanding job as chairman of the Route 57 Committee and as the Agawam delegate to the Route 57 Task Force.

He has done such an outstanding job that his contribution in this area has been recognized by the residents of Hendom Heights to the extent that they have obviously made deals with their two councilmen, Herd and Kerr, to conspire with Mr. Fieldstad for Councilman Rheault's removal.

I had hoped that by selecting Fieldstad as president the council removed the existing turmoil within the council. I guess that rather than quiet things down, Mr. Fieldstad is again disrupting the council in the town.

I for one am sick and tired of Mr. Fieldstad and his disruptive tactics and I'm glad Councilor Rheault exposed the obvious political deal of Fieldstad and crew. I read he had no animosity and hard feelings, but I really didn't think he'd stoop that low to get even with those of opposing viewpoints.

Agawam by Mr. Fieldstad's action has taken another step backwards.

Removing Councilor Rheault was purely political. When are we going to elect grown-ups who want to confront the real issues in town? We don't need any more representatives of the caliber of Councilor Fieldstad.

Wake up, councilors, before it is too late.

Sincerely yours,  
James Marmo  
14 Bradford Drive

## Stand On Rheault Commended

### To The Editor:

I would like to commend the editor of the *Agawam Advertiser/News* for an excellent editorial last week regarding replacing Councilor Rheault.

I have known Mr. Rheault for several years and have the greatest amount of respect for his integrity and leadership qualities.

You, Mr. Editor, apparently know of his integrity as well. Replacing him as chairman of such an important committee would definitely be a serious mistake.

How vital at this time is someone of his expertise to be certain Route 57 goes forward.

I would hope the Council demands from Mr. Fieldstad to retain him as chairman and not let politics prevail.

Sincerely yours,  
Kay DeCosmo  
17 Ruth Avenue

## Open Letter To Bartnik

### To The Editor:

This is an open letter to Councilor Bartnik. I have had a long and deep interest in Route 57 for several years. If Mr. Rheault is replaced as chairman of Route 57, how can you possibly secure all the information of the Task Force and many other related events with Route 57 and serve as an effective chairman?

I for one am at a loss to see how this could be accomplished. I would think if you were concerned with the Town of Agawam, Mr. Bartnik, you would refuse to accept this or play any role whatsoever with what I hear and read about.

I am quite concerned about why all of a sudden we need a change. I've heard many things of political deals. I would hope you're above that, Mr. Bartnik. I am and many of my neighbors and friends are following this closely. This is an election year.

Yours truly,  
Cynthia Howe  
29 Memorial Drive

## Former Candidate Criticizes Change

### To The Editor:

As a former candidate for council in Precinct 3, I am quite disturbed about recent events with regards to the Route 57 Committee chairmanship.

It is beyond belief to me that a change is even being considered. I have followed very closely the progress with the extension and obviously am disappointed that things take so long; but if ever we have had a chairman of a committee who is working for its completion, it is Councilor Rheault.

This is an issue that politics should not play a role in was we are talking of safety and the very lives of ourselves and the many people who travel it daily.

I would hope for the town's sake that Councilor Rheault remains as chairman. I would appeal to Councilor Bartnik to refuse to play a role in this obvious political deal.

If there is any compassion for everyone in Agawam who uses this dangerous route, my appeal is to cast aside any political differences and leave well enough alone.

I have the greatest confidence that we would all be better off with Councilor Rheault serving as chairman. His expertise with Route 57 should be beyond political differences.

Very truly yours,  
John Shaughnessy  
27 Cecile Street

## Guest Editorial

## Bonavita Rebutts Rheault Claim

By Councilor Elaine T. Bonavita

Where does one begin? Editorials such as the one written by Councilor Donald Rheault last week are nothing new to me. I am now, unfortunately, a veteran to such vindictiveness.

All too often, we find such editorials as the ones written last week. Editorials should promote, rather than pervert, the common good of the people.

On January 19th, the city council voted to reorganize. Seven councilors voted to sustain our President, Paul Fieldstad, and Vice-President, William Herd. Councilors Cincotta and Rheault were ultimately defeated in their bid for the presidency and vice-presidency.

It is about time that Councilor Rheault realized that by voting against him, it doesn't necessarily make us wrong, immoral or his enemy. That is what's simply known as a democratic society.

In fact, he really ought to learn a little maturity and take defeat gracefully. It serves no purpose to malign the characters of his fellow councilors. Does he, in fact, have any proof to substantiate his incredible claims...other than the fact that he can't handle defeat? It really is about time that he grow up to the adult world of politics.

## Open Letter To Councilor Kerr

Who, and I ask again, who has asked for the removal of Mr. Rheault as chairman of Route 57? Is it the residents of the Hendom Heights area or is it the other two members of the Route 57 Committee, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Bartnik? I can't imagine that Mr. Bartnik, a representative from Precinct 3, clamored for the removal of Mr. Rheault. He, as well as I and everyone in Agawam, knows that Mr. Rheault has done an excellent job and should remain in that position.

I can't imagine Mr. Kerr wanting to remove Mr. Rheault as chairman of the committee because he is well aware that the completion of this highway probably affects more of his constituents in Precinct 2 than more of Mr. Rheault's or Mr. Bartnik's constituents in Precinct 3. The only people in the town that are opposed to the completion of Route 57 are some of the people in the Hendom Heights area.

Mr. Kerr, you don't advocate, do you, that your constituents who go back and forth during the peak hours should continue to spend 15 or 20 minutes getting home the last two miles from the Mill Street area to their residences?

You must have concern for the people of Bessbrook, Belvidere, who can't even get out to the street during those peak hours.

You certainly must have concern for the residents of Northwood, Kellogg, and their children for cars during the peak hours which use these streets as shortcuts to and from Route 57; not to mention the residents of Clover Hill area as well.

You certainly must have deep concern for the many children who use the Springfield and Mill Streets area of Route 57 to go to schools and playgrounds. You should, Mr. Kerr, they are the sons and daughters of your constituents.

Mr. Kerr, your questionable attitude of Route 57 and the fact you have publicly gone on record as undecided of the completion of Route 57, and your theory of a one lane extension with no exits is going to relieve the problems of the above-mentioned constituents is ridiculous.

I think it would be smart to reassess your position in this matter and begin to represent the majority of people in Precinct 2 and not a handful of those on a couple of streets.

Sincerely,  
Vernon E. Stork  
900 North Street

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Dragon Master: Cindy Cavanaugh



Congratulations to Cindy Cavanaugh, a fifth grader at Danahy School, for winning the T-shirt logo contest. She is holding the prize for her dragon drawing which is silk screened on the T-shirt. Looking on are: Mrs. Barbara Kimball, principal; Donna Scherpa, president of PTO; Cindy and Sandy Santinello, Cindy's teacher. Photo by Jack Devine.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

**Mon., Feb. 23:** Cup of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad, chilled pears in syrup, milk

**Tues., Feb. 24:** Sliced turkey sandwich in roll, buttered carrot coins, steamed rice, orange blossom cake, milk

**Wed., Feb. 25:** Orange juice, baked hamburger & macaroni, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, Italian bread & butter, peanut butter cookies, milk

**Thurs., Feb. 26:** Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered niblit corn, bread & butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk

**Fri., Feb. 27:** Cup of beef vegetable soup, fluffernutter sandwich, oven french fries, chilled applesauce, milk

## Jr. High Jazz Band Slates Paper Drive

The Agawam Junior High Jazz Band is sponsoring a townwide paper drive on Saturday, February 14th. Money raised will be used to help fund a contest trip the band plans to take in May.

Papers may be brought to the Hollow Pine Shopping Center on Springfield Street between 9 and 4 o'clock. If anyone is unable to take their papers to that site, call for pick up 786-7748 before Saturday. All town residents' help is needed to enable the band to participate in this important contest.

## Local WNEC Students Nominated For Who's Who

John A. Balboni and Michael A. Grimaldi of Agawam are among fourteen Western New England College students nominated for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges*. Both nominees are senior day division undergraduates.

An electrical engineering major, Balboni is a recipient of the Sigma Beta Tau Engineering Honor Society Award for highest academic average and the Academic Admissions Assistance Award, covering full tuition for four years. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Balboni of 188 Walnut Street.

A government major, Grimaldi is the chairperson of the Student Senate Election Committee and former president of the Political Science Club. He is a member of the Stageless Players Drama Club and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grimaldi of 18 Cherry Street.

## Laughing Brook Sponsors Birdwatching Programs

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring two birdwatching programs for those interested in this hobby.

On Saturday, February 21st, a day-long bus trip to the coast of Massachusetts will be co-sponsored with the Allen Bird Club. Winter birds and unusual visitors to the marine environment around Plymouth will be viewed. The bus leaves Laughing Brook at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m.

Also a four-week Introduction to Birdwatching begins on February 21st. Each of the four-hour sessions will teach neophytes how to identify local birds and where to look for them in the Connecticut Valley. A limit has been placed on participants in the course.

Both programs are open to the public and fees are charged. Reservations are necessary in advance. Call 566-8034 for more information.

## After School Events

The YMCA is in Agawam serving youth and now offers a new program entitled the Monday Good Times Program for boys and girls including national YMCA progressive swimming instruction and physical education activities at the Springfield Y.

Transportation is provided from all elementary schools to the Y and then the children are dropped off at the school nearest their homes at the end of the program.

The Adventure Club program continues to teach children about the out-of-doors through hiking, trust activities, and rope work. Transportation is provided after school on Thursdays and Fridays for children ages 6-14 years to the Agawam Outdoor Center on Perry Lane and then back to the schools nearest their homes.

Both of these programs begin their third term the week of February 23. Registrations are now being taken through the week of February 16th. Call the Springfield YMCA at 739-6951, ext. 253 for more information.

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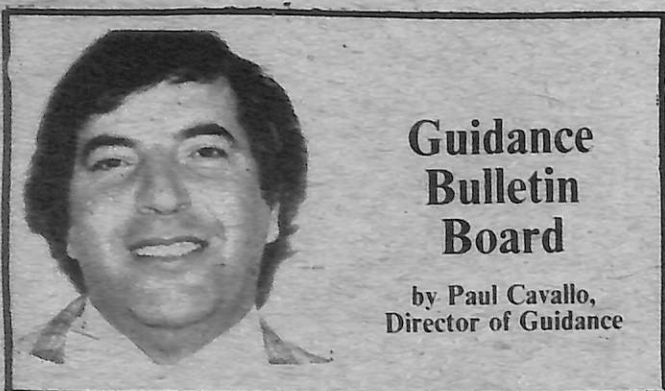
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## Guidance Bulletin Board

by Paul Cavallo,  
Director of Guidance

The following college acceptances have been received by the High School Guidance Department:

Georgia Kratimenos, Sigmund Mallard, Tony Santaniello, Lisa Robinson, Cynthia Carpenter - AIC; Debbie Wheeler, Bay Path Jr. College; Laurie Richardson, Keene State; Debra Macey and Linda Nevers, Emerson College; Karen Wilson, Greenfield Community College; Patricia Cavallo, Framingham State; Paula Girard, WNEC School of Pharmacy; Terry Amellin, Our Lady of the Elms; Lisa AstaFerrerero and Jerilynn Sullivan, WNEC; and Carol Doucette, Franklin Pierce.

Scholarship Information: available in Guidance Office

1) Mass. DAR Scholarship: open to males and females who are U.S. citizens and Mass. residents; must be in the top 10% of their senior class (rank of 40 or better).

2) Leonard Donovan Scholarship: given to a qualified student who plans to major in accounting

3) Miss Massachusetts National Teenager Pageant: open to girls between 13 and 18; judged on poise, personality, scholastic achievement, and appearance; over \$7,000 awarded

4) Mr. USA Teen Pageant: open to sophomore, junior, and senior boys; based on service and achievement, athletic record, scholastic record; \$5,000 scholarship awarded.

## STV Bingo Scholarship Applications Available

The Springfield Turnverein Bingo Scholarship applications are now available at the Agawam High School Guidance Department or at the club, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills. Club members ask that all applications be completed and submitted by April 15, 1981.

These are available to graduating high school seniors or any persons pursuing their education beyond secondary school. The criteria used by the Scholarship Committee to determine selection for scholarship is financial need, scholastic achievement, academic ability, special awards and activities of recipient.

Announcement of all winners will be made the beginning of June, 1981.

## Fitchburg Dean's List

The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Fitchburg State College. They have both attained an average grade of 3.2 or better.

Mary E. Blakesley of 24 Vassar Drive, Feeding Hills, earned a place on the list as a Human Services major.

Lori Wilson of 5 Autumn Street, Feeding Hills, made the list as a nursing major.

## The Rainbow

By Gina Lynch  
75 Clematis Road,  
Agawam

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## Honor Roll

### Grade 12

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Donna LaRocca, Carl Lehberger, Cathy Letourneau, Lori Limotti, Laura Lottermoser, Marion Margosiak, Laurel Masi, David Meade, Patricia Masisco, Lynette Mogan, Richard Parent, Deborah Peterson, David Podgorski, Diane Preterotti, Lisa Robinson,

Angela Ross, Todd Rovelli, Laurie Russo, Antonia Santaniello, James Shea, Ann Sherry, Thomas Sibilis, John Sliech, Rosemary Stassen, Sharon Stefanik, Susan Vinesett, and Karen Wilson.

### Grade 11

Thomas Bennett, Gregory Brennan, Deborah Briggs, Sandee Brittain, Jacqueline Bussolari, Frank Cardaropoli, Kathy Cecchi, Cheryl DeSpir, Suzanne Douglass, Marlene Feeney, Christine Ferraro, Gina Ferraro, Karen Fieldstad, Paul Forgetting, Nancy Gentile, Timothy Guarnieri, Charles Hastings, Robin Henderson, Rita Iacolo, David Jenks, Daniel Jury

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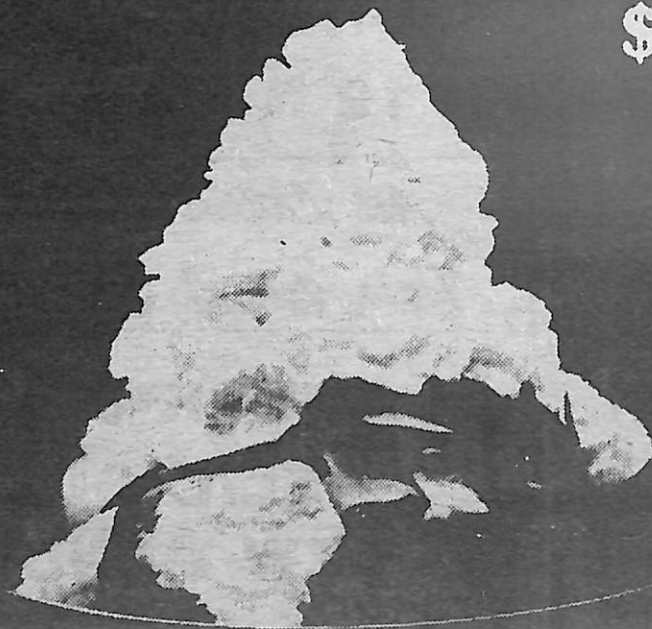
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## Grade 9

Grade Nine honor students include Karen Albano, Thaisa Alechny, Douglas Allan, Christine Balboni, Carla Beavis, Clifford Belden, Raymond Belden, Carol Benson, Denise Bourbonnais, Frank Bowrys, Laura Bruso, Gina Buoniconti, Eva Burmeister, Lin Cavanaugh, Michael Charest, Carol Chartier, Lisa Chevalier, Scott Cofer, Gary Conlin and Colleen Conway.

Additional Ninth Graders were Thomas Cruz, Michelle Duval, Michelle Early, Laura Farrington, Susan Feil, Stephen Fisher, Michelle Fontaine, Lisa Frechette, Donna Gasteyer, Diana Goodman, Michael Govoni, Anthony Grasso, Thomas Hanson, Lisa Herd, Dawn Hesse, Keith Hollinger, Anna Hopkins, Beverly Johnson, Steven Jury, Brian Kane, Ellen Kelley, Charlene Korza, Lena Kozloski, Filomena Larocca, Dean LeClerc and Kathryn Lester.

Eric Lunden, Janet Mallory, Lawrence Manning, Deborah Marai, Nicole Marsh, Lori Martinelli, Joseph Maruszczak, Anthony Mastromatteo, Alan Mazza, Erik Meunier, Deanna Mezzetti, Dean Molta, Deborah Morassi, Christine Nadok, Marie Nahajlo, Henry Niemiec, Allan Noftall, Maria Ollari, Paul Pacewicz and Ann Phillips.

The end of the Ninth Grade List includes, Rosanne Polak, Tammy Potter, Felicia Rondinelli Carolyn Rosner, Deborah Ryan, Catherine Sheehan, Lori Smith, Beth Smethurst, Lori Smith, Dawn Tlusty, Sonja Turner, Dana Venturnini, Andrew Vezis, Heather Wilson, Patricia Wojcik and Lynne Ziegert.

## Grade 8

Those who make honors were Darryl Brennan, Michael Briggs, Christine Burrows, Sandra Campbell, Janine Cardello, Paul Cavallo, Joanne Cecchi, William Champagne and Angela Christy.

Todd Connery, Karen Conway, Melissa Cople, Lori Cowles, Jennifer Crean, Michael Deponde, Sara Jane Douglass, Lisa Duffus, Robert Dupre, Michael Fazio, Diane Feil, Paul Ferraro, Anthony Frogameni and Michael Gamelli.

Mary Ann Ghidoni, Owen Humphries, Paul Joseph, Carol Juliano, Sharon Kiddy, Edward Kopyscinski, Christine Kosinski, Miquel Kulik, Gina Letellier, and Roseann Longo.

More eighth graders are Melissa Ludemann, Sandra Lynch, Kelly McNamee, Edward Malachowski, Joanne Mason, Karin Mills, Kristine Miodoka, Christine Moore, Stacy Morse, Thomas Murphy, Leah Negrucci, Steven Oberle, Joanne Pallotta, Karen Pertusi, Jill Phillips, Diana Porter and Jennifer Powell.

Danielle Roy, Kathleen Rutovich, Kimberly Schoenborn, Melissa Sullivan, Peter Sutton, Cari Ann Szabia, Paula Taupier, Andrea Tebaldi, Jennifer Wands, Donna Wesley, Amy Wilson, Robert Wing, Samantha Woods and Pina Zachia.

## Grade 7

Robert Allen, Robert Aversa, Marni Ayers, Kristy Bellini, Tina Bissonnette, Kelley Bolduc, Candice Brown, Cari Brown, Deborah Brown, Teresa Bruno, Christine Buley, Patricia Burns, Steven Byrne, Lisa Caron, David Charest, Michael Chausee, Kelly Clarke, Rosella Cloutier,

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Renata Muskus, Jolece Orsucci, Brian Osborne, Judy Pacewicz, Martha Patnaude, David Pemberton, Karen Phillips, Robert Pilon, Joseph Przekocki, Lawrence Rinaldi, Benita Rocca,

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## Grade 6

Linda Alder, Tracy Armstrong, Kristi Augusti, Jane Barrett, Lisa Bartnik, Joseph Baruffaldi, Michele Blanchard, Katie Borowiec, Claudine Bouchard, Joseph Bourbonnais, Paul Bourdeau, AnnMarie Bourdon, Jennifer Brantley, Thomas Briggs, Laurie Brunelle, Suzanne Bulson, Anthony Buoniconti, Frank Buoniconti,

Also, Linda Burnett, Maureen Burns, Antoni Cardaropoli, Mark Casiello, Mark Charest, Warren Charest, Anna Chiarella, Tracy Cimaroli, Lisa Connor, James Cook, David Cormier, Jon Daniels, Daniel DeMatos, Thomas Denardo, Christine DeSilets, Mark Deslauriers, Dominic DiLizia Jr., Dominic DiTomaso, Lori DiTomaso,

Also, Stephanie Douglass, Marc Early, Stacie Fancy, Susan Fassnacht, Kimberly Ferris, Danielle Fisher, Frances Frigo, Jennifer Glover, Amy Golemo, Jill Goss, Anna Grassetti, David Hallock, James Hanson, Janice Harabin, Jennifer Herd, Glenn Hood, Cathleen Hopping,

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Mrs. House joined Westbank in 1964 as a teller. She became an Assistant Treasurer in 1969 and Manager of Westbank's Mittineague office in 1974. In 1976 Mrs. House was promoted to an Assistant Trust Officer. Mrs. House is the director of Westbank's Money Desk which is a fund management service offering informational guidance about investments. This is a one-on-one personal financial banking service, focusing on several types of investments which promise a high yield over a relatively short period of time.

Mrs. House is a graduate of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. She is a member of the American Institute of Banking and has completed several AIB sponsored courses. Mrs. House is a member of the National Association of Bank Women and past chairman and secretary of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of that organization. She is a corporator of both the West Springfield Boys' Club and the Springfield Girls' Club. Mrs. House is an active member of the First Congregational Church of West Springfield and currently a Trustee of the church.

Mrs. House and her husband, Robert, reside in West Springfield.



Theodore P. Kosior

## Kosior Named To Children Board

Theodore P. Kosior, President of Park West Bank and Trust Company has been named West Springfield/Agawam Area Chairman of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Second Century Campaign being held during the first six months of 1981, it was announced today by Mrs. Carl E. Breyer, Jr., General Chairman.

The goal of the Pioneer Valley District is \$125,000 which was determined after careful study of the needs within the Hampden and Hampshire two county area by members of the district board of directors. One hundred percent of the moneys raised will be used by and for the Pioneer Valley District. The District seeks \$70,000 to acquire a building in Springfield as a satellite office and \$55,000 for a District Endowment to provide income for development of programs to promote early identification to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Mr. Kosior is a member of the West Springfield Industrial Development Commission, and the West Springfield men's Club. He is also a Director of Park West Bank and Trust Company, Director of Mt. St. Vincent Nursing Home, Director of the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Credit Bureau of Western Massachusetts, Director of the Big Brothers of Springfield and a Corporator of the West Springfield Boys Club and Girls Club.

He and his wife, the former Jean LeClaire reside in West Springfield with their three children.

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A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Princeton University, Young has previously served as systems analyst and executive vice president of administration for the company.

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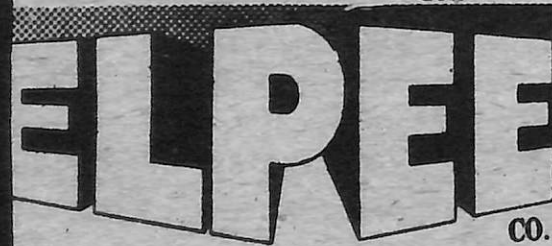
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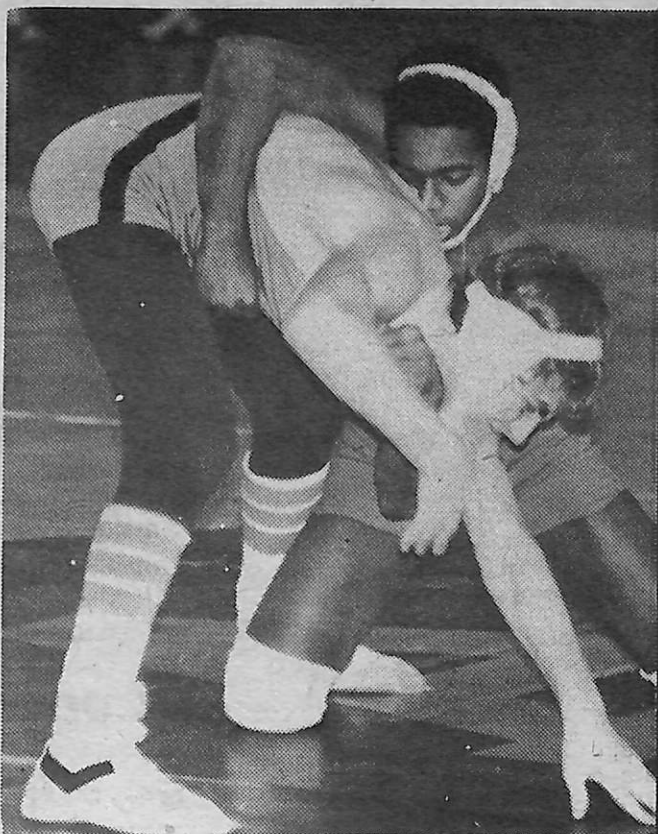
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# SPORTS

## Tournament Ready!



Agawam's Steve Tetreault battles with Putnam wrestler during recent action. Tetreault, who has been injured for portions of the season, is looking forward to the upcoming Western Mass. Tournament where he should fare very well. Steve is considered one of the top grapplers in WMass in his respective weight class. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Gaels Outlast Brownies, 53-42

By Steve Berard

For the second time this season, Agawam's varsity hoopsters fell to defeat at the hands of the Holyoke Catholic Gaels.

The Brownies, now a disappointing 6-8, have been mathematically eliminated from playoff qualification, but still have a shot at finishing the year over the five hundred mark.

The Gaels outdueled the townies, 53-42.

"We didn't play that bad, we just weren't patient enough with the ball," said Coach Lou Conte.

Conte's defensive crew play a solid contest, forcing the Paper City five to launch missiles from 15 feet and beyond.

The Gaels, however, had the sharpshooters to do the job. Bob Ferriter, recently named Division II player of the week, scored 17 points for HC, while teammate Mike Lynch contributed 15.

"Dean Molta had the hot hand for us for awhile. But when our outside shooting went cold, we just couldn't get the ball inside either," observed Conte.

The Gaels led practically the entire 48 minutes and were challenged down the home stretch in the fourth quarter when a Brownie surge brought the locals within three, 35-32.

Costly fouls and turnovers, a plaguing malady for the locals throughout the up-and-down season, ended

their threat as the Gaels tallied the game's final nine points, all from the charity line.

Agawam's offensive woes have proved another costly factor in their seasonal performances which one game sees them outplay the Division's best and then come back with a lackluster performance a few night later. Conte has the horses and is known as one of the best young coaches in Western Mass. but the Brownie puzzle has yet to fall into place in 1980-81.

Agawam's big early season point producer, junior Kevin Barnes, has not connected in recent weeks. Barnes is the offensive key when he's hot.

An injury to starting guard Mike Knight Tuesday also will hinder the locals. Knight tore muscles in his ankle early in the first period and will be sidelined for the remainder of the season.

In an earlier JV contest, the Gaels once again came out on top, 49-41. Nadine Yacteen, a starter for the JV squad who also suits up for varsity contests, also injured his ankle. Yacteen will be out for the rest of the season.

The locals will have to regroup and get ready for an upcoming match against Greenfield. In the last meeting between the two, the locals sank a hoop at the buzzer to win by a single point.

## Gymnasts "Bite The Bullet"

By Debbie Guidi

The Agawam High gymnasts had to bite the bullet hard last Wednesday night in a 105.50 to 73.44 loss to Longmeadow High.

The Brownies, though out of their league and badly beaten for the first time this winter, scored their seasonal high with their point output.

Agawam's gymnasts received respectable scores across the board which had to be encouraging for Coach Laurine Gregouli.

Senior Captain Carmella Marzano received a personal best of 5.05 in the floor exercises, which Longmeadow won 26.29 points to 20.70. Brownie

gymnasts Sue Poirier and Patrice Ross received a team high 7.14 points in this initial event, while teammates Sandy Bradford and Connie Leavitt received 6.7's each.

Leavitt, the best of Longmeadow's talented stockpile Wednesday with 28.20 points, pulled off some amazing moves in every event. Her lowest score was 6.7 in the floor exercises, where she whipped through some fine tumbling runs for a very successful routine.

The tiny Longmeadow gymnast was awarded a meet leading 8.0 points for her vault, while 3 teammates received identical scores 7.85 for their handspring vaults, to propell their further ahead with a running score of 57.84 points to Agawam 48.65 after the second event.

Agawam's Suzanne Poirier led her team with a 7.45 on a handspring vault. Patrice Ross and Carmella Marzano boosted the Brownies point also with scores of 6.85 and 6.9 respectively at the vault, which Agawam Coach Laurine Gregouli says is the team's strongest event.

At the beam Patrice Ross, who did well overall for the Brownies with 20.69 points, received her squad's highest score of 4.45 in this difficult third event.

Connie Leavitt led the event with a 7.4 for a routine that included a stunning walkover.

Longmeadow was powerful on the uneven parallel bars as well. Sandy Bradford led the way with a event high 6.5, and the Lancers totaled 23.25 points for the events.

Agawam fell into further trouble at the unevens in the point column, mustering just 10.09 points. Coach Gregouli envisions a glimmer of hope in that troubled area with the possible return of Lori Witkowitz to the team. Lori had been missing from the lineup since injuring her ankle in the second match of the campaign.

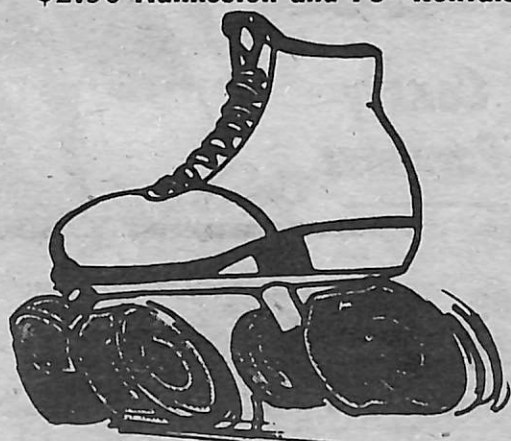
"Lori might be on the bars next Wednesday, and that will help. We've had only five kids for the bars and haven't been able to fill the event," said Coach Gregouli.

The Coach was impressed with the competition Longmeadow provided, and said the talent of the opposition's captain, Sandy Bradford, was equally impressive. Sandy totalled 21.05 in her 3 events.

Agawam will learn this week whether or not they will qualify for the Western Mass. Championships. Qualification is based upon overall team performance.



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## Girls Rally Falls Short, 49-38.

By Debbie Guidi

A fourth quarter rally failed to save Agawam High's girls basketball from the clutches of defeat Wednesday. The girls were defeated 49-38 against Chicopee Comp.

The loss was the Brownies second of the week, after dropping Friday's match to Holyoke, 37-27.

"We were outrebounded, but we played a tough defensive game. We scored 21 points in the fourth quarter and that's when we finally started putting the ball in the hoop," said Agawam's coach Karen Fitzgerald after Wednesday's loss.

Agawam got off to a bad start in the contest and were behind 25-9 at halftime. Chicopee Comp managed to further pad the point margin during the third quarter and held a 36-17 lead by the end of the period.

The Brownies fought back from the 19 point deficit, piling up 21 points in the fourth session. Nevertheless they came up short as Chicopee answered Agawam's offensive threat with an effective though less intimidating 13-point barrage of their own to successfully hold Agawam at arm's length in the disappointing loss.

"Chicopee's had 3 more baskets than we did, but they outshot us from the foul line," Mrs. Fitzgerald pointed out.

Agawam was 4 for 10 from the free-throw line for just 40 percent. Chicopee fared better, connecting on 9 of 13 attempts for an efficient 65 percent.

Debbie Cheatham was the top point getter for Agawam with 12. Chris Altobelli enjoyed her highest scoring game of the season with 8 points, while Laura Gendron and Shari Baldarelli tallied 6 apiece for the Brownies.

With the high school basketball season coming to a close, Agawam is hoping to be involved in the upcoming tournament. Normally a team must win 70 percent of its games to be eligible for the tournament, but that depends on the number of teams with that high a percentage of winning games, says Mrs. Fitzgerald.

When there aren't enough teams winning 70 percent of their contents, the requirement may be lowered as far as 59 percent.

Coach Fitzgerald is optimistic about Agawam's chances of making the tournament.

"I think we have a good shot at it, but we'll have to work hard and win the next few games. The next three teams we face are tough. We lost to Chicopee and Cathedral the first time around," she said.

Coach Fitzgerald pointed out aspects of Agawam's game that the team would have to pay attention to improving if they hope to be in the running for a post season spot.

"We haven't been rebounding and shooting well in the last couple of games. When we lost to Holyoke we had the same problems we had against Chicopee. We got behind early, and it's pretty tough to make up 15 or so points later on in a game."

"We have to come out on top in these last three games to make the tournament. We'll need tough defense and we'll have to put the ball in the hoop more consistently," she added.

## Sacred Heart A.A. Baseball Sign-ups

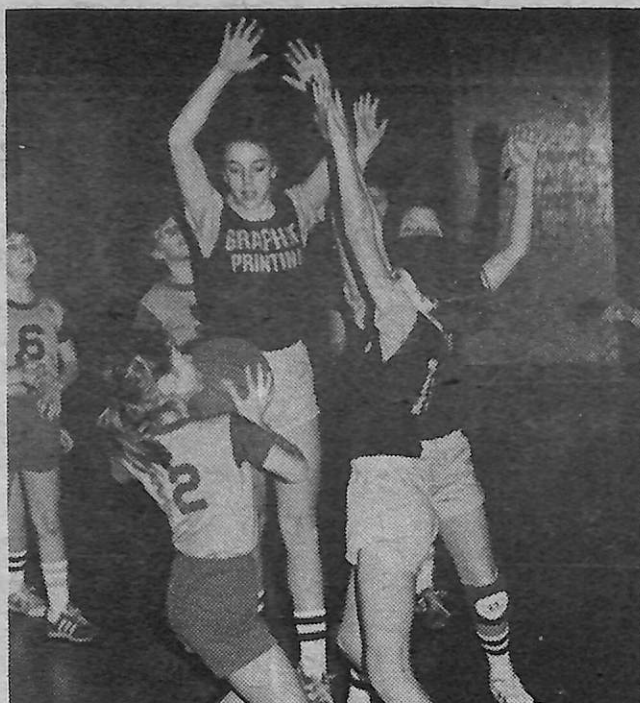
The Sacred Heart Athletic Association will hold its baseball/softball registration for the 1981 season at the Parish Center over the weekends of February 21-22 and February 28-March 1. Saturday signup time runs from 1 to 3 p.m., and Sunday time from 2-4 p.m.

All boys and girls from 7 years old to 15 years old may sign up with a parent.

Suburban baseball 14-16 will hold tryouts later in the spring.

For further information, contact Fr. Paul Burns at 786-8200.

## AAA Girls Hoop



Third place Graphic Printing of AAA Girls 8-10 in recent action. Photo by Jack Devine.

## AAA HIGHLIGHTS

### 8-10 GIRLS

Tonya Mercadante and Lisa Connor held the offense for the Elks in their win over Russo Construction. Defensive standouts were Angela Valego, Maria Valego, Beth Whittaker, and Alyson Manning.

For Russo, Coach Rea said his whole team put in an outstanding effort.

### 11-13 GIRLS

E-Con-O Sales came out a one point winner in a fast, exciting game from start to finish against West Springfield Fish and Game which went into overtime. Nancy Nickerson, Julie Ferioli, and Lisa Kozel sparked the defense. Lois Carra, Gina Letellier, and Kelli Trudel furnished the offense. Gina Serra's first basket ever in an AAA uniform proved to be the winning point.

For Fish and Game, Patricia Landry and Ann Marie Marmo provided the offense for their team, while Maria Lucia, Joelle Dion, and Michelle Blanchard played a tight and tough defense throughout the game.

### 8-10 BOYS

Chriscola Farms behind the offensive play of Dan Bryden and Mike Cleavall beat a Curran Jones team that turned in a good effort. Defensive standouts were Mark Lyne, John Serra, and Tim Michael.

Playing well for Curran Jones were Chris Harmon, Dom Morassi, and Mike Trenholm.

### 10-12 Boys

McCarthy Tile came on strong in the second half to overcome Butcher's Corner 35-27. Coach Rich Mahoney said it was best effort his team put out this season. Leading the way was Paul Scoville, whose scoring and rebounding was a key factor in the win. Leo Santinello, Wayne Leal, and Mickey Lunden.

Playing a strong game for Butcher's Corner were Steve Grasso and Ken Melillo.

### 13-15 BOYS

In the feature game in this league, Associated Air Freight beat Village Package 43-42. In a see-saw battle whose lead exchanged sides many times, Air Freight hung on for the victory. P. J. Sheehan put on a spectacular offensive show. Also contributing for the win were Carl Fancy, Wayne Osentowski, and Mike Larouche.

Putting in an all-out effort for Package were Dave Pemberton, Bob Wing, and Kevin O'Keefe.

## AAA Statistics

### 8-10 GIRLS

Lions Club	5-0
Elks No. 2174	4-1
Graphic Printing	1-4
Russo Construction	0-5

### 11-13 GIRLS

Liquori Brothers	5-0
E-Con-O Sales	3-2
W.S. Fish & Game	2-3
Gino's Package	0-5

### 8-10 BOYS

Laf Mor Amusements	5-0
St. Theresa's	4-1
Lunden Construction	4-1
Elks No. 2174	3-2
Christy's Plumbing	3-2
St. Anthony's	2-3
Abbett Tax	2-3
Chriscola Farms	2-3
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	1-4
Curran Jones	0-5

### 10-12 BOYS

Agawam Custodians	5-0
Butcher's Corner	3-2
McCarthy Tile	3-2
WestBank	2-3
Feeding Hills Hardware	2-3
Suburban Realty	0-5

### 13-15 BOYS

Polish Club	5-0
Associated Air Freight	3-2
Village Lounge	2-3
Village Package	2-3
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AAA Track Commissioner Daniel Lacienski will be assisted by his wife, Lee, in running the Agawam Athletic Association's spring track program. Registration for track and field is on Saturday along with all boys and girls softball programs of the Association. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Athletic Association and Parks & Rec. Dept.

### Spring-Summer Registration Saturday February 14th

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### Hockey Association To Hold Bake Sale

The Agawam High School Hockey Association will hold a bake sale on February 14th at the Food Mart from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Delicious homemade baked goods will be sold with proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund for senior hockey players.



### Girls Hoop Teams Tally Wins

The Agawam High Junior varsity girls basketball team now boasts an 11-4 record after recent games upsetting West Springfield, Amherst, and Westfield. In the 40-31 win against West Side, Liz Riley contributed 12 points; against Amherst, Barb Walsh netted 10; and against Westfield, Maria Kozloski scored 13.  
The team bowed to Holyoke last Friday 28-26, led by high scorer Chris Ferrara.

The Agawam Junior High girls team remains undefeated having outscored arch-rival West Side by a 43-21 victory. High scorers for that game were Julie Midowski with 13 points and Lisa Chevalier with 12. Agawam downed South Hadley 46-4, followed by a victory against Northampton's Hawley team. Ellen Calkins sank 8 points, and Diane Goodman registered 8.  
Last Friday, the team posted a 37-23 victory over JFK in Northampton. Team managers are Leah Negrucci and Ann Phillips.

### AAA To Begin Track Program

The Agawam Athletic Association will once again be taking registration for a unique spring track and field program aimed at providing youngsters with yet another activity sponsored by the AAA.  
The track and field program will be completely organized by the AAA and is one of a kind in this area if not the entire country.  
It encompasses boys and girls, ages 8-13. The program will run for 8 weeks beginning May 1 through June. The program will not interfere with the boys' baseball and girls' softball programs, according to AAA President Gerald J. Mason.  
The program is unique in that it offers a wide variety of competition for each child. It affords the opportunity for individual awards to almost everyone participating in the program.  
For example, in the 100 yard dash, boys and girls, there will be 12 medals awarded in the following manner: The top three finishers are in Division One; the fourth, fifth and sixth place finishers, Division Two; etc.  
A special medal cast for the AAA measuring two inches in diameter and attached to a satin ribbon will be presented to all twelve winners in each track and field event.  
In the Olympic style, the medals will be gold, silver and bronze. The three outstanding children in each age bracket will compete in a pentathlon at the season's end. A trophy will be awarded to these winners.  
The track and field program will be under the direction of Daniel Lacienski and his wife, Lee. Also assisting will be Terry Losito.  
Technical adviser to the program, Agawam High School Track Coach Joe Modzelewski, will be joined by varsity boys and girls track performers in providing individual instruction to the children.  
All meets are on Saturday mornings at the High School track.  
The AAA is seeking two assistant commissioners for the program at its Saturday, February 14 signups at the High School cafeteria. Registration times are between 10:30am - 1:30pm.

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## Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

Moose meat for drugs sounds rather ridiculous at first mention, but the chiefs of the fish and game departments in New Hampshire and Vermont believe that is exactly the problem facing them. Charles Barry, director of the N. H. Fish and Game Dept. and Edward Kehoe, commissioner of the Vermont F & G, both say they have very strong reasons to believe that a recent surge of moose poaching in their states is linked to a drug smuggling ring.

The ring's activity was brought to light by an informant. Barry remarked that one or two poached moose were not unusual, but that the eight to ten known killings represented a problem of quite some magnitude.

It is reasoned that the ring has outlets for peddling their moose meat in Boston, Connecticut, and maybe Montreal, Canada. Both leaders are asking for the help of sportsmen in combating the ring. They are asking for information on large trucks seen on lonely roads or guilty-acting people that might be accosted in out of the way places in the northern tiers of their respective states. Phone calls to the authorities will be greatly appreciated and the name of the caller does not have to be given.

Pennsylvania, the nation's largest hunting state, has established a new, all-time record for hunting accident fatalities during the 1980 hunting season. 1.3 million licensed hunters hit the forests in 1980 with seven fatal hunting accidents. Pennsylvania officials attribute the decrease in hunting accidents to hunter education programs for youth and the increased use of fluorescent orange material by hunters.

There has never been a proven case of a hunter who was wearing fluorescent orange material having been shot in mistake for game in Pennsylvania. Massachusetts, a pioneer state in requiring hunters to wear the bright orange clothing, has just completed its twelfth year without a fatal hunting accident during the deer season.

At a meeting recently held at the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife headquarters, Westboro, Mass., for a few selected number of outdoor writers. I was fortunate enough to obtain some of the information that was passed out as I am not on the selected list of the I and E director.

The talk on acid rain and the effect it is having on the Quabbin Reservoir was quite startling. It is estimated that within ten years, Quabbin will witness a large decline of fish in its waters because of the acid rain that is falling on it and its tributaries. Recent findings indicate that precipitation is becoming increasingly acidic in the northeastern United States and eastern Canada. Many small lakes located in the Adirondack Mountains in New York state have already become too acid to support fish.

A preventive method for Quabbin is to place large cuts of limestone in the tributaries and the acid would be neutralized. There are large deposits of limestone in the Pittsfield area.

### Pack 75 Plans Blue & Gold Banquet

Pack 75 will hold its Blue and Gold Banquet on February 15th at the Polish American Club pavilion at 6 p.m. sharp.

A potluck supper is planned along with guest speakers and an awards ceremony. The cubs will provide the entertainment for the evening with den skits.

The pack is also planning a trip on February 25th to the Rollaway on Main Street, Agawam. The event will be between 7 and 9 p.m., and friends and family are invited to attend.



Boy Scout Troop 76 of St. Theresa's Church presented Guy Jediny with an Eagle Scout Badge, the highest award in the Boy Scouts. Looking on are proud parents David Raiche (Scoutmaster) Paul Raiche and Harris Tanner, an official from the Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts pins on the big award. Photo by Jack Devine.

## AAA Piranhas Perform Well At Tourney

The Agawam Athletic Association's competitive swim team, coached by Melissa Bliss and Lori Richardson, have completed a successful winter campaign.

The squad checked in with a 4-5 record, posting victories over West Springfield, East Longmeadow, South Hadley and Chicopee.

The flippers competed in the league championships held at Springfield College this past weekend. Seventy-three swimmers participated in the two day event with several members of the AAA Piranhas receiving trophies and ribbons for their accomplishments.

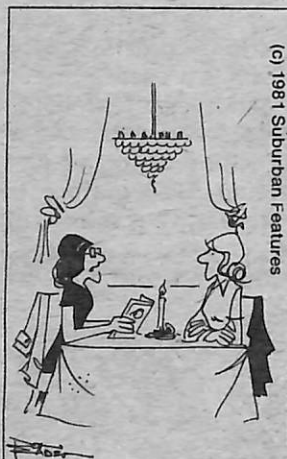
Three Piranhas swam to first place victories in their respective events: Pat O'Brien, 9-10 Boys 50-yard backstroke; Gina Cascio, 13-14 Girls 100-yard freestyle; and Paul Talbot, 13-14 Boys 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

Paul, one of the brightest prospects that local swimming has yet seen, established a new meet record of 51.21 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Although the winter season has completed, the team is offering a swim clinic through mid-March. The purpose of this program is to help team members perfect their swimming technique.

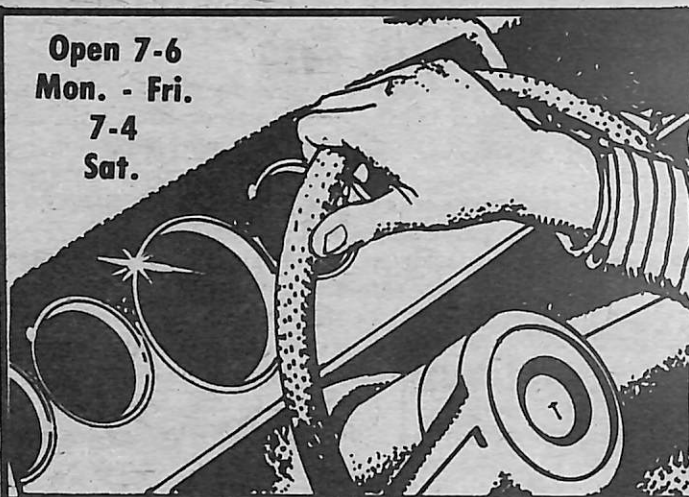
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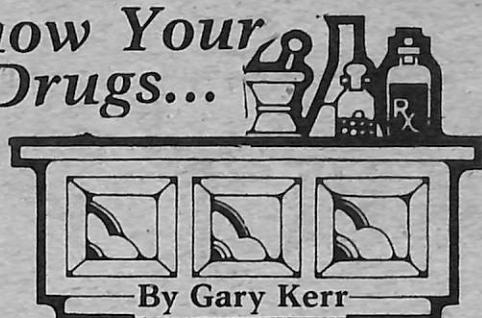
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# For Your Health...

## Know Your Drugs...



Antacid preparations have been used for more than two thousand years to treat gastric distress. In these times of self-medication, antacids are among the most used, and abused, of the non-prescription drugs. Many individuals use antacids chronically for minor stomach upset that would disappear just as quickly if left untreated while others mask more serious health problems by using antacids regularly. Unfortunately, many of the truths about antacids remain unknown to the general public.

Today, hundreds of antacid products are available as gums, tablets, lozenges, powders, and liquids. They act by neutralizing or removing acid from the stomach contents, NOT by "coating" the stomach linings as certain television advertisements suggest. Antacid self-medication is prompted by the presence of belching, heartburn, stomach ache, "sour stomach," indigestion and gas pains. Of the several effective antacid ingredients, it is quite important to understand that no two are exactly alike.

Sodium bicarbonate, the active ingredient of Alka Seltzer and others, is best used in occasional overeating or indigestion. It is classified as an absorbable antacid; adverse effects can be seen throughout the body following high doses or prolonged therapy.

Calcium carbonate (Tums) causes rapid and prolonged neutralization of stomach acid and longterm use is a no-no. Constipation is common as well as a rebound high acid secretion.

Perhaps the two most popular antacid ingredients are aluminum hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide. When used alone, the aluminum causes constipation and the magnesium possesses a laxative effect. Therefore, various manufacturers have produced a mixture (Mylanta, Maalox) a very effective product with minimal side effects.

Simethicone, another ingredient which is found in several antacids, is in fact not an antacid. Simethicone serves as an antilflatulent, or, in simpler terms, a gas bubble disperser. It causes gas bubbles to break up, thus diminishing gas pains.

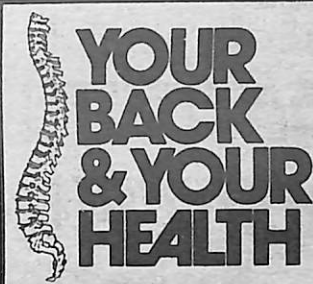
Very few medicinals are without side effects and cautions, and antacids are no exception. One major concern is that heartburn symptoms resemble heart problems very closely. Thus, it is not surprising that persons have treated their "heartburn" with antacids for long periods of time only to learn later that they were suffering from some type of cardio-vascular disease. Ulcers, angina, and pancreatitis present similar symptoms as stomach upset, and misdiagnosis is not uncommon.

Incidentally, not only do antacids mask certain types of ulcers, but they are used in treating mild ulcer disease as well.

Several antacids have high sodium content and are not recommended for use in patients with kidney, liver or heart disease. Since water follows sodium in the body, antacids can predispose these persons to fluid buildup which can put them at high risk for more serious problems.

Another potential danger of antacids occurs when the patient fails to chew the tablets well. Unchewed tablets and/or inadequate water ingestion can lead to obstructions. Also, the absorption of various antibiotics (especially tetracyclines) and other medications is hindered during antacid therapy.

In conclusion, one should think twice before resorting to antacids for minor stomach discomfort. The pharmacist can help decide whether antacids are necessary as well as help the patient choose the right one. Effective communication with the pharmacist can save dollars as well as your health.



### How to check for curvature of spine

If you've ever grown trees, you know how essential it is in the early stages to start the seedling growing straight. Tying the young plant to stakes can give it a good beginning and keep it from bending.

In a very real sense, much of the same philosophy applies to raising children. All of us hope that our off-

spring will grow up straight and healthy, but we usually don't know if we're doing a good job of it.

One of the dangers is that the bruise or back pain in childhood may go away in a day or so, only to return years later in a different and more severe form.

Scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, is one condition that should be attended to as soon as possible. And here's how you can test for

it in your child. Have the child bend straight forward from the waist, head level with the back and arms hanging loosely.

Look closely at the muscles on both sides of the spine. If the muscles "bunch" up on one side, the strong possibility of scoliosis is present.

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be relieved. But if there is scoliosis, your chiropractor can immediately start a program aimed at correcting the condition.

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From  
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